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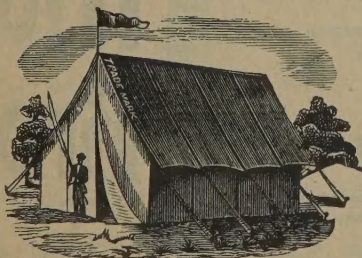
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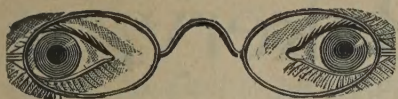


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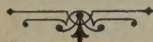
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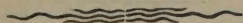
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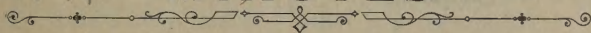
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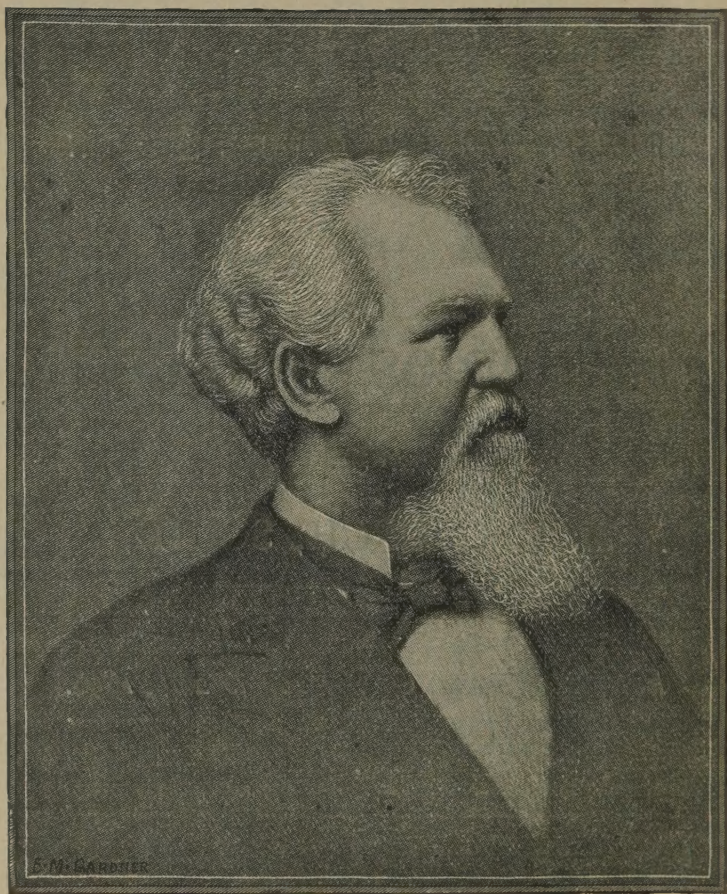
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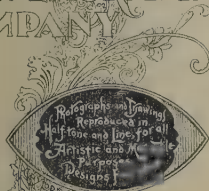
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Third Year. Q. A. Oats, L. J. Hedgpeth, C. S. Perry.

Fourth Year. W. E. Vaughan, C. C. Wright.

JOURNAL

First Day, Thursday, October 22d, 1896.

The Los Angeles Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in its twenty-seventh annual session in the Centre Street Church, Phoenix, Arizona, at 9 A. M. Thursday, October 22d, 1896, with Bishop R. K. Hargrove in the chair.

After devotional services conducted by the Bishop, the roll was called by R. A. Rowland as follows:—

Clerical—Abram Adams, W. L. Allbright, J. W. Allen, A. Adkisson, Rufus Balaam, A. C. Bane, T. J. Duncan, J. F. G. Finley, Wade Hamilton, A. V. Harbin, W. A. Harris, E. J. Harper, James Healey, L. J. Hedgpeth, J. J. N. Kenney, E. C. Knott, W. T. McDowell, Q. A. Oats, C. S. Perry, R. A. Rowland, W. E. Vaughan, S. W. Walker, C. C. Wright, D. M. Wynkoop.

Lay, Arizona District—G. J. Smith, J. A. Vinson, E. Irvine, J. L. Gregg.

Lay, Los Angeles District—U. Knoch, C. A. Brown, P. M. Daniel, G. E. Franklin.

Of these the following were absent:

Rufus Balaam, A. C. Bane, W. T. McDowell, C. S. Perry, C. C. Wright, U. Knoch, C. A. Brown, P. M. Daniel, G. E. Franklin, W. L. Allbright, E. C. Knott and J. L. Gregg.

J. F. G. Finley was elected secretary, with R. A. Rowland assistant, and Wade Hamilton was elected statistical secretary, with E. J. Harper assistant.

J. A. R. Irvine, alternate delegate, was seated in the place of J. L. Gregg.

The Conference fixed the hour of meeting at 9 A. M. and for adjourning at 12 M.

The third line of seats from the front was named as the bar of the Conference.

On nomination by the Presiding Elders, the following were elected on the several Committees:—

Public Worship—W. E. Vaughan, W. A. Harris, J. A. R. Irvine.

Conference Relations—Wade Hamilton, E. J. Harper, R. A. Rowland, J. M. Weems, J. J. N. Kenney, J. W. Allen, James Healey.

District Conference Records—A. Adkisson, S. W. Walker, J. A. R. Irvine.

Spiritual State of the Church—J. J. N. Kenney, W. A. Harris, G. J. Smith.

Bible Cause—R. A. Rowland.

Sabbath Observance—J. F. G. Finley.

Resolutions—E. J. Harper, Wade Hamilton, D. M. Wynkoop.

Books and Periodicals—J. A. Vinson, J. W. Allen, Q. A. Oats.

Memoirs—L. J. Hedgpeth, A. Adams, E. Irvine.

Communications from the Book Agents, the Board of Missions, Board of Church Extension, and Board of Education were read and referred to the proper Committees.

A communication from the Woman's Parsonage and Home Missionary Society was read and referred to the Board of Church Extension.

A communication from the American Anti-Saloon League was received and referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

J. T. Thornton was appointed to represent the general periodicals of the Church.

Minute Questions, 1 to 7 inclusive, were called and answered. (See "Minute Questions.")

Dr. H. C. Morrison (Missionary Secretary) was introduced and made a brief address.

Under Question 20, the names of T. J. Duncan W. E. Vaughan, Abram Adams, and C. C. Wright were called, characters passed and the latter two were referred for the superannuated relation.

After announcements, the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Morrison.

Second Day, Friday, October 23d, 1896.

The Conference met at the appointed time and place, with Bishop Hargrove in the chair.

Devotional services were led by Dr. Morrison.

The roll was called; the minutes read and approved.

Minute Questions, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, were called and answered (See "Minute Questions.")

Question 20 was resumed, and the following made their reports and passed in examination of character: J. J. N. Kenney, J. F. G. Finley, Wade Hamilton, E. J. Harper, Q. A. Oats, J. W. Allen, C. S. Perry, James Healey and L. J. Hedgpeth; the last named was referred for the superannuated relation. The names of A. C. Bane and W. T. McDowell were called, and after explanatory statements made by the Bishop and the Presiding Elder, the Secretary was ordered to enter their names in the Journal as withdrawn from the ministry and membership of the M. E. Church, South.

J. T. Thornton, local elder, supplying Pomona and Duarte, made his report.

J. S. Chapman's name was called and passed in examination of character.

Revs. McKinney, of the Presbyterian Church, and Chase and Pratt of the M. E. Church, were introduced.

A communication from Rev. C. B. Riddick, local elder in the

M. E. Church, was received and read, in which he asked to be admitted into the Conference. After some discussion, this matter was made the order of the day for Monday at 10 A. M., and Bishop Hargrove was requested to telegraph Brother Riddick, expressing the desire of the Conference that he be present at that time.

Announcements were made, and Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

Third Day, Saturday, October 24th, 1896.

The Conference convened at the appointed time and place, with Bishop Hargrove in the chair.

The devotional exercises were conducted by J. W. Allen.

The minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and approved.

The following Boards and Committees made their reports, which were adopted: Board of Epworth Leagues, Committee on Conference Relations, Joint Board of Finance, Committee on Bible Cause, Committee on Spiritual State of the Church, and Board of Church Extension. (See Appendix.)

Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, General Secretary of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference on the work of that society.

The Committee on Public Worship made the following announcements for the Sabbath services:

Centre street M. E. Church, South—Lovefeast at 10 A. M., led by Abram Adams. Preaching at 11 A. M. by Bishop R. K. Hargrove and ordination of deacon after sermon. Memorial services at 3 P. M., in commemoration of the life and labors of W. L. Allbright and E. C. Knott, deceased. At 7:30 P. M. the work of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society will be presented by Mrs. R. K. Hargrove.

Preaching at the M. E. Church at 11 A. M. by Dr. H. C. Morrison, and at the Presbyterian Church by Q. A. Oats.

The Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

Fourth Day, Sunday, October 25th, 1896.

The Conference met in memorial session, Sunday, October 25th, at 3 P. M., with Abram Adams in the chair. The opening service was led by J. J. N. Kenney.

Question 19 was called and W. L. Allbright and E. C. Knott were reported as having died during the year.

L. J. Hedgpeth read the memoir on Brother Allbright, and the following spoke in his memory:—J. F. G. Finley, L. J. Hedgpeth, James Healey, W. E. Vaughan, William Osborn, John P. Osborn, and G. J. Smith, after which the memoir was adopted.

J. T. Thornton read the memoir on Brother Knott, and the fol

lowing spoke in his memory:—T. J. Duncan, Q. A. Oats, and J. T. Thornton, after which the memoir was adopted.

E. Irvine read a memoir on J. L. Gregg, M. D., lay delegate from the Arizona District, who had died since his election.

The Conference adjourned with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Fifth Day, Monday, October 26th, 1896.

Conference convened at the appointed time and place with Bishop Hargrove in the chair.

Devotional services were conducted by Wade Hamilton.

The minutes of the last two sessions were read and approved.

Bishop Hargrove reported the ordination of Claude Thompson to deacon's orders at the close of the Sunday morning sermon.

Minute Questions 11, 17 and 29 were called and answered. (See "Minute Questions.")

The Statistical Secretary made his report, which was adopted. (See statistical tables.)

Los Angeles was selected as the place for holding the next session of the Conference.

The report of the Sunday School Board and the Committee on Books and Periodicals were read and adopted.

At 10 o'clock the Bishop called up the case of C. B. Riddick, which had been made the order of the day for this hour, and announced that he had received a telegram authorizing him to withdraw said application for admission into the Conference, to which there was no objection by the Conference.

The report of the Committee on District Conference Records was read and adopted.

The report of the Board of Education was read, amended, and adopted.

Rev. Chase, fraternal delegate from the M. E. Church, was introduced and addressed the Conference and Bishop Hargrove responded.

The Committee on Resolutions made their report, which was adopted.

J. F. G. Finley was elected editor of the Minutes, and instructed to arrange with Ulrich Knoch for their publication.

The Conference adjourned with the benediction by J. J. N. Kenney.

Fifth Day, Afternoon Session.

Conference convened at 3. P. M., pursuant to adjournment, with Bishop Hargrove in the chair.

The devotional services were led by J. F. G. Finley.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The reports of the Board of Missions and of the Committee on Sabbath Observance were read and adopted.

E. J. Harper and J. J. N. Kenney were elected delegates to the Anti-Saloon Convention, to be held at Washington, D. C., December 8, 1896.

The Bishop announced the following as the Joint Board of Finance:—J. J. N. Kenney, E. J. Harper, E. D. Elliott, W. H. Smith.

Question 41.—“Where are the preachers stationed this year?” was called, and after an address by Bishop Hargrove the following appointments were announced:

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT—M. B. Sharbrough, P. E. 1
 Los Angeles, Trinity—J. J. N. Kenney. 1 2 1
 Bellevue and City Mission—D. F. Watkins.
 West End—C. S. Perry.
 Mateo street—J. W. Allen. 2
 Cahuenga—J. F. G. Finley.
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 San Bernardino—Q. A. Oats. 4
 Norwalk and Ranchito—To be supplied.
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 Gardena—A. V. Harbin. 5
 Downey—T. L. Duke.
 San Diego—R. A. Rowland.
 Redlands—To be supplied.
 Ventura—Supplied by J. H. Ainsworth.
 Pomona and Duarte—Supplied by J. T. Thornton.
 Valley Center and Escondido—Claude Thompson.
 Menifee—A. Adkisson.
 Lompoc and San Luis Obispo—H. S. Groves. 7
 Student in Vanderbilt University—R. C. Balaam. 1

ARIZONA DISTRICT—W. E. Vaughan, P. E. 6
 Phoenix—J. M. Weems.
 Prescott—E. J. Harper. 7
 Tempe and Bethel—W. L. Whisnant.
 Jerome and Verde Valley—James Healey.
 Williamson Valley—W. E. Vaughan.

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J. S. Chapman—Northwest Texas Conference.
 T. J. Duncan—Northwest Texas Conference.
 W. A. Harris—North Georgia Conference.

The minutes of the session were read and approved, and the Conference adjourned, *sine die*, with the benediction by the Bishop.

7 J. J. N. Kenney
 1 E. J. Harper
 3 E. D. Elliott
 1 W. H. Smith
 12 1/2

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MINUTE QUESTIONS.

- 1.—Who are admitted on trial? Ans.—Claude Thompson.
- 2.—Who remain on trial? Ans.—A. V. Harbin, R. C. Balaam.
- 3.—Who are discontinued? Ans.—R. B. Turner.
- 4.—Who are admitted into full connection? Ans.—None.
- 5.—Who are re-admitted? Ans.—None.
- 6.—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?
Ans.—M. B. Sharbrough, J. M. Weems, T. L. Duke, W. L. Whisnant, J. S. Chapman, A. V. Harbin, S. W. Walker, R. B. Turner.
- 7.—Who are the deacons of one year? Ans.—R. A. Rowland, S. W. Walker, W. A. Harris.
- 8.—What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Ans.—None.
- 9.—What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Ans.—None.
- 10.—What local preachers are elected deacons? Ans.—Claude Thompson.
- 11.—What local preachers are ordained deacons? Ans.—Claude Thompson.
- 12.—What traveling preachers are elected elders? Ans.—None.
- 13.—What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Ans.—None.
- 14.—What local preachers are elected elders? Ans.—None.
- 15.—What local preachers are ordained elders? Ans.—None.
- 16.—Who are located this year? Ans.—D. M. Wynkoop, at his own request.
- 17.—Who are supernumerary? Ans.—None.
- 18.—Who are superannuated? Ans.—C. C. Wright, Abram Adams, L. J. Hedgpeth.
- 19.—What preachers have died during the past year? Ans.—W. L. Allbright, E. C. Knott.
- 20.—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Ans.—They are.
- 21.—What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference? Ans.—See Statistical Tables.
- 22.—How many infants have been baptized during the year? Ans.—67.
- 23.—How many adults have been baptized during the year? Ans.—68.

- 24.—What is the number of Epworth Leagues? Ans.—24.
- 25.—What is the number of Epworth League members? Ans.—724.
- 26.—What is the number of Sunday Schools? Ans.—27.
- 27.—What is the number of Sunday School Teachers? Ans.—244.
- 28.—What is the number of Sunday School scholars? Ans.—1651.
- 29.—What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? Ans.—\$600.
- 30.—What has been collected on the foregoing account; and how has it been applied? Ans.—\$438.80; applied as follows:
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| Mrs. S. M. Adams..... | 95.00 |
- 31.—What has been contributed for missions? Ans.—Foreign, \$980; domestic, \$292.60.
- 32.—What has been contributed for Church Extension? Ans. \$237.75.
- 33.—What has been done for the American Bible Society? Ans.—\$67 10.
- 34.—What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charges? Ans.—Presiding elders, \$1246.71, Preacher in charge, \$7331.
- 35.—What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? Ans.—\$117.20
- 36.—What is the number of Societies and the number and estimated value of Church edifices? Ans.—No. of Societies, 33; No. Church edifices, 29; value, \$94,960.
- 37.—What is the number of pastoral charges, and the number and value of parsonages owned by them? Ans.—No. of charges, 27; No. of parsonages, 24; value, \$35,850.
- 38.—What is the number and value of district parsonages? Ans.—No. district parsonages, 1; value, \$600.
- 39.—What are the educational statistics? Ans.—No educational statistics.
- 40.—Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Ans.—Los Angeles, Cal.
- 41.—Where are the preachers stationed this year? Ans.—See appointments.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD.

The Epworth League Board of the Los Angeles Conference desires to submit the following: We gather from the reports of the pastors that we have twenty-four Epworth Leagues with a membership of seven hundred and twenty-four (724). In many places the League has done efficient work in raising missionary funds and other collections ordered by the Conference. The Leagues have also done excellent work in recruiting the Sunday Schools and in looking up the strangers. We have been unable to gather any data concerning the work done in the Literary Department. This work is of very great importance, and we desire to urge our pastors to work with their Leagues in this respect, that our young people may be trained to be a reading people, and that they may become acquainted with the history, polity and worthies of our beloved Church. In this connection we desire to call attention to the "Eminent Methodists," a series of pamphlets, issued from our Publishing House for the League. They are written by Bishops Fitzgerald and Galloway, and sparkle with wit and pathos, and will thrill our young people by the deeds of heroism there recorded. We urge the pastors to see that their Leagues subscribe to the "Epworth Era." It is full of suggestions for workers, and is a most excellent paper in every respect. We also desire to express our thanks to Dr. R. P. Wilson for the liberal space granted to the League Department in the *Pacific Methodist Advocate*, and to commend this paper to all our Leagues.

E. J. HARPER,
JNO. W. ALLEN.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

Your Committee on Conference Relations have had referred to them the following named brethren for superannuated relation:

C. C. Wright, Abram Adams and L. J. Hedgpeth.

We recommend that this Conference grant these worthy brethren this relation.

WADE HAMILTON,
Chairman of Committee.

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DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

Your Committee on District Conference Records would respectfully present the following report:

We find that the records of both Districts are neatly and correctly kept. We find no mistakes.

J. A. R. IRVINE.

ANDREW ADKISSON.

RESOLUTIONS.

To the members of the Los Angeles Conference your Committee on Resolutions submit the following:

Resolved, That we express our hearty thanks to the people of Phoenix for their warm hospitality and Christian cheer. To the press of Phoenix for courtesies extended to and notices given of our Conference.

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of the kindness and courtesy that the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe Railroads have shown the members of this Conference.

In the matter of the Anti-Saloon League, referred to your Committee, we recommend that this Conference co-operate with this organization and pledge our moral support. We think it advisable to elect two of our number as delegates to the convention which will be held in Washington, D. C., December 8th to 10th, 1896.

E. J. HARPER,

Chairman of Committee.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Dear Brethren:—Your Board of Missions submit the following report:

There has been collected on assessments for Foreign Missions \$928.87. This is \$263.57 in advance of last year's collection for the same cause.

There has been collected for Domestic Missions \$260 95, which was appropriated as follows, making a total from collections on assessments \$1,189 82.

There was realized from the Anniversary Collection \$100.00, \$43.25 of which has been paid, leaving unpaid \$56.75. Including the Anniversary Collection, the Conference has raised for missions \$1,289.82.

The Board has made the following assessment on the Conference for Domestic Missions, for the ensuing conference year, \$600, and apportioned it to the Districts as follows: Los Angeles District, \$400.00; Arizona District, \$200.00.

There has been an assessment of \$1,400.00 placed upon this Conference by the Board of Missions for Foreign Missions, which we apportion as follows: Los Angeles District, \$1,000.00; Arizona District, \$400.00.

Names of those to whom the Domestic Mission Fund was appropriated, with amount given to each:

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James Healy.....	\$ 50 00
J. W. Allen.....	25 00
Wade Hamilton.....	25 00
A. Adkisson.....	46 95
Claude Thompson.....	10 00
C. S. Perry.....	25 00
Q. A. Oats.....	75 00

TOTAL.....\$256 95

There remains in the hands of the treasurer \$4.00.

T. J. DUNCAN. L. J. HEDGPETH.
W. E. VAUGHAN. J. J. N. KENNEY.

STATEMENT IN CASE OF A. C. BANE.

When the name of A. C. Bane was called the Bishop spoke to the Conference as follows:

I have a communication from A. C. Bane with which he sends me his parchments, certificates of his ordination to Deacon's and Elder's orders in our church.

I understand that he was appointed to a charge in this Conference, San Diego, I believe. I am informed that he abandoned this charge before the close of the year, about June 15th, of this year. No matter what may be his opinion he is answerable to this Conference for his official administration and is still a member of this Conference. He evidently thought he could jump the ecclesiastical fence and supposed he had withdrawn from the ministry of our church. There is no provision in any church for leaving it, at least it is not the intention of the obligations of any church for any surrendering of them. It is a specially awkward thing for a man to go out of one church into another, still there is a sort of courtesy practiced by the different denominations toward each other. When a man goes out decently and properly his orders are recognized in other churches of the same standing. We recognize the orders from other churches and expect the same courtesy from them.

At the recent session of the Pacific Conference one man desired to leave our church and asked for permission to withdraw. He had a right to withdraw, and his regular withdrawal, after passing his character, was recorded in the minutes of the Conference. If there are no charges preferred against A. C. Bane he has the right to withdraw. No doubt he acted with a mistaken notion of the nature of his obligations and of his privileges. While, if it were your wish, you could pursue him and call him to account for failure to carry out his part of the contract with this Conference, I consider it would be the wisest policy to accept his credentials and record his name in the minutes as withdrawn from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Rev. T. J. Duncan spoke to the case as follows: I agree to this on one condition: that we do not allow Bro. Bane or the world to

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rest under the impression that we have no authority over him; but that, while we can legally pursue him and arrest his official character, still we prefer to extend to him ministerial courtesy and to look upon his act of leaving his charge in June of this year as an act more of ignorance of the real nature of his obligation than as an intentional disregard of the laws of our church. With this understanding I am in favor of acting as the Bishop has suggested and of receiving the credentials of A. C. Bane.

MEMOIRS.

Your Committee on Memoirs submit the following Report :

ELGIN C. KNOTT.

We have had given us the following meagre data on the life of Elgin C. Knott. He was born in Raven, Bedford Co., Tenn., in the year 1861, and died August 2, 1896. at Lordsburg, Cal. At the early age of seven years he was soundly converted and joined the church, where he remained through life.

We are not informed when or where he was licensed to preach. He came to us about the year 1882, and after teaching at Los Nietos Institute for a year, was received on trial in the Los Angeles Conference in the fall of 1882. After regular work for two years he was ordained a deacon, and located at his own request on account of failing health. He, however, remained local but two years at which time he was ordained elder and returned to the regular work. It was not, however, long before failing health compelled him to ask a supernumerary relation in the Conference where he continued till his release by death.

Our brother was the victim of too ardent ambition in youth to fit himself for the work of the ministry. At the school of the Webb Brothers he led his class and graduated with a sound education that under other circumstances would have deepened into a thorough scholarship. But his own work in this fixed the fatal shaft and ended the weary years in pain. Brother Knott was not the flowing orator, nor do we think the pulpit the sphere where he could most easily have excelled. It was the opinion of those who knew him best that in the class and school room his highest excellencies and most brilliant qualities were to be found. Here his gentle but firm character, together with his aptness in teaching, revealed his more shining qualities.

However, his race is run, and speculation may well be silent.

His long sickness revealed a patient submission to God, and the crucible refined his spirit into a submission that was best known to intimate and daily companions, for he was reticent save to intimate friends. He never complained, the most acute pain found no expression from his lips. Knowing full well that his change was near, he set his temporal affairs in order and gave himself up to God.

His death was a new evidence of Christian triumph. Not a cloud veiled the beatific vision of the unseen and eternal.

Brother, adieu, but not forever.

L. J. HEDGPETH, ABRAM ADAMS.

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WILLIAM LOGAN ALLBRIGHT.

Was born, reared and educated in the state of Arkansas, where also he was converted and licensed to preach. His health being poor he came to northern Arizona in 1883. He came to Prescott in the summer of 1884, and was recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Prescott station as a suitable person for the itinerancy to the Los Angeles Conference to be received on trial, George E. Nichols, P. E. He was received, and his first appointment was to the Gila River Mission, which he served one year. His next appointment was the Phoenix Circuit, which he served four years. The next and last appointment was the West End Circuit. It was during this, his sixth year in the itinerant ministry that his health, which had never been robust, gave way and he was compelled to ask for a superannuated relation to the Conference, this he told us, with tears, was the hardest trial he had ever met.

Then for five years he suffered more than anyone but the Master knows, but suffered in patience and fortitude, growing more calm, serene, holy and happy as the day approached. He never lost trust in the battle from which he was held back by disease, and oh, how much he strengthened others by a word, a sign, the looks of his eye and the shining of his happy face—thus until July 27th 1896—he went home to heaven. Thus so short, so brilliant, so lovely—like some bright meteor on a dark night that all at once shows us as at noon the landscape, the field and wood and the path to travel, and as suddenly goes out and makes the darkness appear more intense; but we can never forget what we have seen or the direction we should take.

Our ascended Brother was a good preacher, he grasped the fundamental doctrines of our holy religion with a firm hand, he never wavered as to its divinity. To him it was a matter of personal experience; he had met the Master, consequently his preaching was from the heart, he could say truly "what we have felt and seen, with confidence we tell." He had been saved by Divine Grace, and he had no doubt that that grace would save any one who would trust in Jesus. He was a man of strong convictions and had the courage of his convictions. It could have been as truly said of him as of anyone we have known "he feared no name but God." He was ambitious, but his ambition was in one line only, that of saving souls for whom Christ had died. The number led by him to the Savior only the Great Day will reveal, but we feel that he is of that number that have turned many to righteousness and therefore "Shall shine as the stars forever and ever." We of Arizona feel especially bereaved, for not only has a comrade in arms fallen but we have lost a personal friend and brother. For myself, this earth is poorer since my brother has gone, and I shall miss him and long for his society as long as I live on earth, but thanks be to God, heaven is richer since W. L. Albright is an inhabitant.

L. J. HEDGEPEETH, ABRAHAM ADAMS.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

We your Joint Board of Finance beg leave to report as follows: We have received \$361.80 and \$77 from agents of Publishing House: which we distribute to the following claimants:

Mrs. W. L. Albright, \$120; Rev. C. C. Wright, \$120; Mrs. S. M. Adams, \$95; Rev. A. Adams, \$51.90; Mrs. J. E. Miller, \$51.90.

Mrs. P. O. Clayton relinquishes her claim.

We have assessed for expenses for delegates to General Conference \$120. We have received of the above amount from the various charges \$29.50, leaving a balance of \$91.50, which we distribute as follows for collection: Los Angeles District, \$60.95; Arizona District, \$30.60.

We have received on Bishop's Fund \$117.20, of which we have vouchers from the Agents of the Publishing House \$80.50 and the Bishop's receipt for \$36.70.

We assess for the following year for Claimants \$600.00, which we distribute as follows: Los Angeles District, \$450.00; Arizona District, \$150.00.

We have been assessed for the incoming year for Bishop's Fund \$182.80, which we distribute as follows: Los Angeles District, \$139.70; Arizona District, \$43.10. Signed

Q. A. OATS.

W. A. HARRIS.

W. H. SMITH.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee on Bible Cause begs to report that eleven charges have collected for this cause \$67.30, a decrease on last year of \$20.45. Trinity Church increased its contribution \$20.00, making the decrease from the other charges \$40.45. Downey, San Bernardino, Newport and Bolsas, Pomona, Valley Center, and Menifee in the Los Angeles District; and Phoenix Circuit, Verde Valley, Prescott and Williamson Valley in the Arizona District, have not taken collections.

We would call the attention of the pastors who have served those charges during the past year to the fact that the Discipline makes it obligatory upon the pastors "to present once a year to each congregation in his charge the claims of the American Bible Society, and to report the amount of contributions raised by him for this purpose." And they have no more right to ignore this collection than they have to ignore the Foreign Missionary or any other collection ordered by the General Conference.

The importance of the work of this Society cannot be exaggerated. Its object ought to appeal to the sympathies of every follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, and we trust that in the future there will be no dereliction of duty in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. ROWLAND.

SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCH.

It is harder to estimate spiritual forces than any other. The unseen though as real is not so easily apprehended.

When we try to estimate the spiritual life of the church we have undertaken a very difficult task, but taking our Lord's rule, "By their fruit we shall know them," we may, in at least a measure, approximate the truth. When we sweep the horizon of the church we find many good men and women full of good works and the Holy Ghost, who have faith in the God of Israel. They have wrestled with God for the glory of Zion till their own lives have been transfigured by the power of a living Christ. These are they of whom Paul said: "Ye are epistles known and read of all men."

We do not underestimate the difficulties that beset spiritual life in this great western country. Love of the world, covetousness, indifference to the church of God, all of these are trying to beat back the tides of spiritual life. But God Almighty reigns, and his Christ can save from all these evils. Thank God many of our people are preserved blameless in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation.

There has been in many parts of the Conference gracious revivals, in which numbers have passed from the bondage of slavery into the liberty of the Son of God. The leaven of the Gospel is at work, and by the grace of God the church will not only be preserved but the world saved and brought to God. One of the best conservation of a pure faith and of spiritual power is a faithful conscientious ministry, who preach the great fundamentals of the Gospel, repentance, faith, holiness and Christian perfection, without hair-splitting difference on these doctrines, assailing the error and uplifting the truth. Under such preaching there must be, according to God's Word, spiritual life. And so we find in the Los Angeles Conference.

Brethren, let our faith be in God that the church may be lifted into higher realms of Christian living and to broader views of the truth as it is in Jesus our Lord.

W. A. HARRIS.

J. J. N. KENNEY.

G. I. SMITH.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

We find that on an assessment of \$470.00 only \$237.75 has been raised; leaving a deficit of \$232.25.

We have complied with the request of the General Secretary, Dr. Morton, and donated \$3.00 to the General Board with which to send the "Church Extension Bulletin" to all the preachers of the Conference. We have provided to send to Dr. Morton the fifty per cent. for the General Board, \$118.90, and donated the balance on hand to Mateo Street Church, Los Angeles, California, \$115.85. The Parent Board has made an assessment for the ensuing year of

\$500.00 which we have distributed as follows: Los Angeles District, \$380.00; to Arizona District, \$120.00.

We take great pleasure in calling attention to the progress of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Missionary Society, and we do most earnestly commend the zeal and activity manifested by the General Secretary, Mrs. R. K. Hargrove. She is certainly doing great good.

The following are the officers of the Conference Society: President, Mrs. J. F. G. Finley; Vice President, L. L. Clayton; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Emma R. Means; Treasurer, Mrs. Wade Hamilton; Auditor, Miss Ara Hunt; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. J. Harper.

We trust all the pastors will help these women in their work to help us build up the Church. Respectfully

JNO. W. ALLEN, President.

WADE HAMILTON, Secretary.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Books and Periodicals submit the following as their report:

That the production and circulation of good literature is a duty of the Church, and is essential and its life and propagation needs no argument to prove. This was fully appreciated by the great human father of Methodism, who was an indefatigable author, publisher, and distributor of literature during his eventful and busy life.

As the world and the Church have progressed along the years the importance of this character of work has proportionately increased. We are pleased to notice the increased interest among the people in reading religious literature, and especially such as is circulated through the agencies of our Church.

We rejoice to find that the exhibit from our Publishing House shows an increase of business and net gain in its assets of over fifty thousand dollars during the last year, notwithstanding the universal depression in all lines of business. This certainly shows well for its management.

In the list of publications sent out by our Publishing House we wish to call attention to the following:

The Nashville Christian Advocate, our general organ, is well worthy of the dignified place it is intended to fill. It is a clear, strong and wisely edited paper, and is the peer, if not the superior, of any like periodical in the world. We especially commend the wise manner in which it has dealt with the various unwise things that have sought to disturb our Zion. It has not failed to give due and wholesome information on all the great questions that concern the public. We are sorry to note that the special appeal made by the publishers to increase its circulation to fifty thousand has not succeeded. A Church with the numerical strength ours has, we

certainly ought to give its general organ a circulation of fifty thousand copies.

We take great pleasure in recommending the *Methodist Review*. It is a periodical well worthy of the place it occupies. We are pleased to note that it more than meets the expenses of its publication. Our preachers should all read it, and many of our laymen would find it well worthy of their patronage.

Our Sunday School literature is of a high order, and we are glad to note that it has had marked increase in its circulation.

The *Lipworth Era* is well worthy of the patronage of our young people, and should receive a large number of subscribers. We are glad to note the satisfactory adjustment of the differences between the editor and publishers, and trust that it will rapidly increase in its circulation. The books in the literary course of the Lipworth Leagues have received increased patronage, indicating improvement among our young people in this character of reading.

We heartily commend the *Missionary Review* and the *World for Christ*, published in the interest of our missionary work; and on the same line we are glad to recommend the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* and *Our Home*, published respectively by the Woman's Missionary Society and Woman's Parsonage and Home Missionary Society. Our own organ, the *Pacific Methodist Advocate*, is well worthy of its place, being true to the cause, and wise in its published matter. It deserves our patronage from every consideration, and we trust our preachers will do all they can to increase its circulation, and to get it into every home of our own people.

JNO. W. ALLEN.

J. A. VINSON.

Q. A. OATS, Secretary.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Sabbath is a divine institution, enforced by specific command in the Word of God. It received special sanction by our Lord while he was among men, both by precept and example, and it certainly behooves every servant of His to obey the command and model after the example.

We are taught that the Sabbath was made for man, and that it is essential to him. The physical man needs it as a rest from the taxing physical labors that ambition, avarice and passion, as hard taskmasters, would otherwise demand. It is necessary to the intellectual man as a relaxation and rest to minds exercised in intellectual pursuits, and as a time for elevating investigations and serious meditation for those too much absorbed in other ways during the week. It is essential to the moral and spiritual man as a

time of separation, as much as possible, from all material cares that the soul may have a more uninterrupted communion with God, and an opportunity to attend the sanctuary and to read the Word of God.

There is every reason to believe that every Christian commonwealth should have laws to secure the people in the enjoyment of the privileges and benefits of the Sabbath. It is sad to realize and admit that the two great common-wealths embracing the territory of our own Conference, are the only two among the great common-wealths of our own beloved land that have no such laws. If we have no Sabbath we can have no true civilization, and intelligence and liberty will be an impossibility, hence all good citizens should use their influence to secure and enforce proper Sabbath laws. The greatest argument against Sabbath laws is that they are sumptuary and subversive of the liberties of the individual. About the best answer we can make to this is in the language of Horace Greeley. After he had visited continental Europe and witnessed the situation there where they have no Sabbath laws, he said to the opposers of Sabbath laws in this country: "The liberty to do as you please on Sunday is the liberty of living in enforced slavery seven days in the week."

Let us teach the sanctity of the Sabbath both by precept and example, and thank God that he has by plain and specific statute given us this sacred institution.

J. F. G. FINLEY.

Q. A. OATS.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

We realize that there is no more important department of work in which the Church is engaged than that of Christian education. One of our wise Bishops has said: "I do not know any thing more dreadful than ignorance." One of the last commands of our Lord was "Go, *teach* all nations." That command is obligatory upon all His disciples of to-day. We are glad to know that our Church is taking some honorable part in the great work of enlightening the world. We have ninety-three institutions of learning, including Vanderbilt University, Emory College, Central College, South Western University, North Texas Female College, Scarritt Bible and Training School, and many others of which the Church may be justly proud. These institutions have a productive endowment fund of over two million dollars; in them are more than one thousand professors and teachers, and about sixteen thousand young men and women receiving Christian instruction and under intelligent Christian influence. We would respectfully urge all our preachers to a faithful discharge of their duty in preaching on the cause of Christian Education, and in giving information to our

people concerning our own institutions of learning, and especially in advising any of our young people who may contemplate attending college.

We were assessed by the General Board the past year \$47.00. Of this amount \$41.00 have been paid. The assessment for the ensuing year is the same as last year, and we recommend that it be distributed as last year, that is, making it ten per cent. of the assessment for Church Extension. Respectfully submitted

J. F. G. FINLEY.

Q. A. OATS.

W. E. VAUGHAN.

The above report was amended as follows: J. J. Kenney moved, and T. J. Duncan seconded, that we levy an assessment of \$150.00 to be given to the Pacific Methodist College in Santa Rosa, California.



Memberships, Baptisms, Church Property, Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools.

*Served only a part of the year.

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.

Finance.

Conference, 1896.

NAME OF CHARGE	PRESIDING ELDER		PREACHER IN CHARGE.		BISHOPS		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS		FOREIGN.....MISSIONS		DOMESTIC.....MISSIONS		CHURCH.....EXTENSION		EDUCATION		American Bible Soc'y		Exp. Genl.		Del. Conf.	OTHER OBJECTS	TOTAL FROM ALL SO'RC'S
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" West End.....	70 00	50 70	325 00	267 28	9 00	9 00	24 00	24 00	102 00	54 28	14 35	14 35	22 20	2 00	2 20	2 20	1 35	2 70	1 50	2 70	635 66		
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Ventura.....	30 00	13 00																		13	205 00		
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ARIZONA DISTRICT:

Memberships, Baptisms, Church Property, Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	MEMBERSHIP, BAPTISMS, AND CHURCH PROPERTY										EPWORTH LEAGUES AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.												
		No. of Local Preachers	No. of White Members..	No. of Colored Members	Total Members this Year.	Total Members last Year.	Add. on Prof. of Faith	Add. by Certificate and otherwise.	Removals by Death, Certificate and otherwise.	Infants Baptized	No. of Societies....	No. of Churches.....	No. of Parsonages.....	Value of Parsonages.....	Value of other Church Property.	Money Expended for Churches and Parsonages..	No. of Epworth Leagues	No. of Epworth League Members.	No. of Schools.....	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Amount Collected for Sunday Schools.	Amount Collected for Missions.	Amount Collected on Childrens Day.
Phoenix Station.....	1	153	2	523	525	498	30	24	35	18	12	1	2000 00	50 00	139 35	1	34	1	14	128	63 72	5 00	169 40	238 10
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Tempe.....		50	1	498	500	491	2	37	13	5	2	2	2400 00	100 00	65 00	1	28	1	8	56	20 20	1 95	30 00	22 15
Verde Valley.....		56	1	498	500	491	2	37	13	5	2	2	2400 00	100 00	65 00	1	28	1	8	56	20 20	1 95	30 00	22 15
Prescott.....		65	1	498	500	491	2	37	13	5	2	2	2400 00	100 00	65 00	1	28	1	8	56	20 20	1 95	30 00	22 15
Williamson and Skull Valley.....		56	1	498	500	491	2	37	13	5	2	2	2400 00	100 00	65 00	1	28	1	8	56	20 20	1 95	30 00	22 15
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RECAPITULATION.

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ARIZONA DISTRICT.

Finance.

Conference, 1896.

NAME OF CHARGE	PRESIDING ELDER		PREACHER IN CHARGE.		BISHOPS		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS		FOREIGN. MISSIONS		DOMESTIC MISSIONS		CHURCH. EXTENSION		EDUCATION		American Bible Soc'y		Exp. Del. Genl. Conf.		OTHER OBJECTS	TOTAL FROM ALL SO'RC'S
	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid	Ass'd	Paid		
Phoenix Station.....	\$ 125 00	\$ 83 70	\$1000 00	\$ 791 60	\$ 20 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 60 00	\$ 60 00	\$ 300 00	\$ 188 30	\$ 45 00	\$ 45 00	\$ 40 00	\$ 40 00	\$ 8 00	\$ 8 00	\$ 7 00	\$ 7 00	\$ 6 00	\$ 6 00	\$ 6 00	\$1005 65
Phoenix Circuit and West End.	50 00	26 20	400 00	29 30	12 00	3 70	35 00	10 00	150 00	20 00	30 00	3 50	23 00	6 00	2 30	2 20	.....	.....	3 00	3 00	3 00	303 90
Tempe.....	25 00	15 09	100 00	75 00	4 00	4 00	10 00	10 00	50 00	20 00	10 00	10 00	8 00	8 00	1 00	1 00	75	75	1 00	1 00	1 00	211 45
Verde Valley.....	25 00	20 00	225 00	120 00	4 00	1 00	12 30	3 00	50 00	3 00	10 00	2 00	7 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	1 50	1 50	163 00
Prescott.....	50 00	33 80	300 00	193 45	8 00	50	20 00	11 00	100 00	12 00	20 00	2 55	15 00	4 00	3 00	50	.....	.....	3 00	3 00	3 00	618 72
Williamson and Skull Valley.....	25 00	12 50	200 00	54 00	4 00	.....	12 50	2 00	50 00	12 50	10 00	5 10	7 00	1 55	1 00	.....	.....	1 50	1 50	1 50	92 65	
Total.....	300 00	191 20	2225 00	1263 35	52 00	29 20	150 00	96 00	700 00	255 80	125 00	68 15	100 00	67 55	17 30	10 70	7 75	16 00	7 50	7 40	2995 37	
Total last year	300 00	224 50	2100 00	1440 00	52 00	51 50	150 00	150 00	140 00	141 00	100 00	105 00	100 00	100 00	.....	.....	11 00	.....	.....	.....	2899 85	
Increase.....	.....	.....	125 00	201 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	560 00	112 30	25 00	36 85	.....	32 45	17 30	10 70	3 25	16 00	7 50	7 40	95 52	
Decrease.....	.....	33 10	.....	20 65	22 10	.....	54 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

RECAPITULATION.

Los Angeles District.....	1240 00	1055 51	6974 30	6092 75	129 50	108 35	358 94	254 89	1566 10	674 20	252 75	174 45	340 75	174 20	39 95	32 00	59 55	37 77	25 32	5689	24051	57
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Decrease.....	385 00	188 29	150 70	374 00	21 50	20 75	91 06	90 76	22 25	78 95	29 25	50 72	57 25	57 90	20 65	53 77	32 82	11801	04

ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
Woman's Parsonage and Home
Missionary Society.



THURSDAY, OCT. 15TH.

The Woman's Parsonage and Home Missionary Society met in annual session in Trinity Church, Los Angeles, Oct. 15th, 16th and 17th. Mrs. C. P. Brown in the chair.

Mrs. Brown conducted the devotional exercises.

In the absence of Miss Callie Duncan, Mrs. Means was elected Recording Secretary.

The roll was called and fifteen delegates responded.

The Society, on motion, elected to have the following committees appointed by the chair: The chairman of each, except on Nominations, was appointed, leaving the remainder to be filled later in the session. *Finance*, Mrs. E. J. Harper; *Extension of Work*, Mrs. P. O. Clayton; *Resolutions*, Mrs. Turner; *Publication*, Mrs. J. Hamilton; *Credentials*, Mrs. J. R. Toberman; *Platform Courtesies*, Mrs. A. Wolfskill; *Nominating Committee*, Mrs. R. M. Copeland and delegates.

Mrs. Brown read the program outlined by the Executive Committee. Rev. J. T. Thornton gave verbal report of Pomona Society and Aids on his charge. Mrs. Brown stated that the Executive Committee had changed the place of meeting from Arizona to Los Angeles for the reason that so few of the workers could go, and it seemed best for the Society.

Adjourned till 9:30 A. M., Friday.

Thursday evening the ladies of Trinity Church tendered a reception to Bishop and Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, and to delegates and friends, at the church. The meeting was well attended. The program consisted of selections by choir, Scripture reading, prayer and hymns. Mrs. Colburn read an address of welcome. Mrs. Ponder read response, by Miss Moores of Downey. Miss Pinkham sang a solo. Rev. T. J. Duncan made a few pleasing remarks and introduced Bishop Hargrove and Mrs. Hargrove, the General Superintendent of the Society, to the audience. The Bishop made a summary of the statistical condition of our Church at large—the Pacific Coast—and of our own immediate work in Southern California and

Arizona. He noted the Pacific Conference had raised \$1,291.50 for the local Japanese and Chinese work at the recent session. That in Oakland, San Francisco and Salinas there were Japanese and Chinese Missions connected with our Church. That city missions have been established at Spokane, Wash., and Helena, Mont.

Mrs. Hargrove made a few remarks on the condition of the W. P. and H. M. S., stressing the point that the special object of the Society, after the building of parsonages, was mission work in general, and not the local sense, though this as a good housewife must be thoroughly done. It is the duty of the Society to carry the good news.

Meeting adjourned for hand-shaking and greetings.

FRIDAY, OCT. 16TH.

Society met pursuant to adjournment. Mrs. C. P. Brown in the chair, who also conducted the devotional exercises.

Minutes of Executive Committee read and approved.

Minutes of yesterday's business proceedings read and approved.

The President completed the list of committee members. As changed and filled they are as follows:

Finance, Mrs. E. J. Harper, Mrs. J. A. Pirtle, Mrs. Moore.

Extension of Work, Mrs. P. O. Clayton, Mrs. Nauwerth, Miss Ara Hunt, Mrs. Colburn.

Resolutions, Mrs. Ponder, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Price.

Publication, Mrs. J. Hamilton, Mrs. McClanahan, Miss McLane.

Memoirs, Mrs. Kerns, Mrs. J. Hill, Mrs. Turner.

Credentials, Mrs. Toberman, Mrs. Statham, Mrs. Curtis.

Nominations, Mrs. R. M. Copeland and delegates.

Platform Courtesies, Mrs. A. Wolfskill, Mrs. R. McEachin, Mrs. Anderson.

Report of Corresponding Secretary read and adopted. [See App. A.]

Report of Treasurer read and adopted. [See App. B.]

Trinity Auxiliary report read by Mrs. Ponder. This Society made Mrs. Kenney a member of the P. W. Loan Fund.

Rev. Carmona made a report of the Spanish work in Los Angeles. The Spanish population is a floating element, and is rather discouraging when statistics are called for. Rev. T. J. Duncan complemented this report by his own as Presiding Elder of the district. He stated Rev. Carmona had received \$300.00 this year. He seemed to think the work done rather unsatisfactory and suggested as the solution of the problem, the employment of a City Missionary. Mrs. Hargrove spoke upon the subject of City Missions.

Mrs. McEachin read report from West End Auxiliary.

Mrs. Hargrove spoke very eulogistically of Mrs. Gross Alexander, editor of the Leaflets.

Mrs. Field read report of San Bernardino Auxiliary.

A leaflet on the reading course was read by Mrs. Colburn.

Mrs. J. Hamilton and Mrs. Toberman were appointed agents for *Our Homes*.

Mrs. Turner read report from Santa Ana Auxiliary.

Mrs. Hargrove made an earnest appeal to the Auxiliaries to be faithful and prompt in sending reports to the Conference Secretary.

A leaflet, "Thoughts for the New Fiscal Year," was read by Mrs. Colburn.

Miss Ara Hunt read report of Downey Auxiliary.

Benediction by Rev. E. J. Harper.

Dismissed for lunch.

A bountiful lunch was spread in the parlor of Trinity by the ladies of this church.

At 2 P. M. the meeting called to order by Mrs. C. P. Brown. Religious exercises conducted by Mrs. Hill. Mrs. Ardis sang "Suffer the Little Children."

Minutes of morning session read and approved, followed by a plea from Mrs. Hargrove to all ladies to unite with the W. P. and H. M. S., stressing the thought of self denial. We ought to be loyal to the organizations and institutions. Through them we can do so much better service.

Report of San Diego Auxiliary read by Mrs. Carter. Work among the Chinese commenced at that place.

Report of Cahuenga Auxiliary read by Mrs. Price. A member of the P. W. L. F. was made by this Society since its organization.

Report of Bellevue Ave. read by Mrs. R. M. Copeland.

Mrs. Spears, representing a society for the care of children, addressed the Society.

Report of Committee on Extension of Work read and submitted; action on the same deferred.

Report of Committee on Memoirs read and accepted. [See App. E.]

Report of Committee on Finance read and accepted. [See App. D.]

Appropriate remarks were made by Mrs. Hargrove and Mrs. Hill, personal friends of Miss Holding.

Report of Committee on Publication read and adopted. [See App. F.]

Report of Committee on Resolutions adopted in sections. As revised an adopted [see App. G.]

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, That we, the W. P. and H. M. S. of Los Angeles Conference, establish a rule requiring a written contract to be signed by the trustees applying to this Society for assistance, in which they shall agree to return to this Society all money donated to

them in case the parsonage shall be sold, and that our Presidents be instructed to correspond with Dr. David Morton asking for advice as to the form of contract, etc.

MRS. R. R. BROWN.

MRS. J. F. G. FINLEY.

An application for aid was received by the Society from Ca-huenga. On motion the matter was referred to the Executive Committee, and they were authorized to act with this provision, *No appropriation can be made except on blanks containing the refunding clause.*

Report on Extension of Work deferred till Saturday morning.

Report of Nominating Committee accepted. [See App. H.]

Dismissed to meet Saturday at 9:30 A. M.

At 7:30 P. M. a Publication Meeting was held. During the evening the following musical numbers were rendered: Organ voluntary, solo, "Not a Sparrow Falleth," by Mr. Hays; solo, by Miss Beam of San Bernardino, and a solo by Mr. Bacon. Scripture reading, prayer and hymns, with addresses by Bishop and Mrs. Hargrove, completed the program. The Bishop addressed the Society giving reasons for and an account of the Parsonage work from the time of its conception, defining his opinion of woman's place and sphere in the Church and world as being *Helpers* in every sense. Mrs. Hargrove reviewed at some length the definite work of the Society by departments, pointing out the needs and benefits of the organization, and relating instances of what has been done, and is being done, through this channel of work.

SATURDAY, OCT. 17TH.

Society met pursuant to dismissal, Mrs. C. P. Brown presiding. Mrs. J. F. G. Finley led devotional exercises.

Report on Extension of Work tabled.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, That we will make an assessment of fifty cents per capita of our membership, to be used according to our plans of City Mission Work.

MRS. P. O. CLAYTON.

The following motion was made and carried:

Moved that the second Tuesday in November, in Trinity, be the time and place of meeting of the Executive Committee of the City Mission Work.

MRS. J. F. G. FINLEY.

Motion made and carried to adopt plan of City Mission Work as defined in 10th Annual Report. Question on time and place of meeting called forth considerable discussion. Motion made to meet at a place separate from that of Annual Conference. Lost.

The following motion was submitted and adopted:

That our time of meeting be one day earlier, and including time of session and place of meeting of Annual Conference.

E. R. MEANS.

Mrs. Turner tendered her resignation as Corresponding Secretary, having been elected to that position by acceptance of report of Nominating Committee. Her resignation was received and Mrs. E. J. Harper was nominated and elected Corresponding Secretary.

On motion by Mrs. Finley choice of Fraternal delegate to W. F. M. S. left to Executive Committee.

Mrs. Means was nominated and elected alternate delegate to Little Rock, the Annual Central Committee Meeting.

Resolved, That a condensed copy of the proceedings of this body be furnished the *Pacific Methodist Advocate* and *Our Homes* for publication, and request made of the Annual Conference to print these minutes with theirs. Adopted on motion.

The following motion was adopted: That a vote of thanks be tendered the Committee of Music. First to Mrs. Field and Mrs. Mathews for their excellent program rendered, and then to those contributing to it, Mrs. Ardis, Mrs. Young, Miss Pinkham, Miss Beam, Mr. Hays and Mr. Bacon; also to the *Herald*, *Times* and *World* for liberal notices in their papers.

MRS. PONDER.

On motion Mrs. Means, Mrs. Hill and Mrs. C. P. Brown were appointed the Committee to look after the realty in Parsonages as defined in report of Committee on Resolutions. Sec. V, division (a) of this session. Mrs. Hargrove put in a strong plea for full reports to Conference Treasurer, do not esteem this a light thing, but report all amounts raised, no matter how insignificant, it helps.

Motion made and carried that testimonials of applicants for City Missionary work be sent to Central Committee and we will abide by their decision.

On motion Mrs. C. P. Brown was elected organizer of the Society for the coming year.

On motion it was ordered that the paper on "City Mission Work" be sent to *Our Homes* and the *Pacific Methodist Advocate* for publication.

Mrs. Means resigned as alternate delegate to Little Rock in favor of Mrs. J. F. G. Finley.

Mrs. Hill subscribed \$5 to fund to defray expenses of Mrs. Finley to Little Rock.

Mrs. Hargrove suggested that the ladies try to secure subscriptions of \$1.00 a year for the support of City Mission Work.

Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Hargrove, Mrs. Finley and Mrs. Wolfskill, Fraternal delegate from W. F. M. S., made short remarks.

Benediction. Adjourned.

APPENDIX.

[A.] CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

	DURING YEAR.	INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR.
Number of adult societies.....	9	1
Number of members.....	165	
Total of connectional members.....	165	
Total number of monthly meetings during year	65	
Total number present at meetings during year	588	148
Total subscriptions to <i>Our Homes</i>	25	
Have you received leaflets this year.....	Yes.	
How many are pledged to systematic giving..	28	19
Number of sick and strangers visited.....	691	63
Number of papers and leaflets distributed.....	2200	
Number of garments distributed.....	584	367
Cottage prayer meeting or Bible readings.....	55	5
Visits to corrective or benevolent institutions	77	72

Two new Societies reported during the year, Bellevue and San Diego.

To the above was added during Conference the new Auxiliary of Cahuenga with a membership of 12.

MRS. E. J. HARPER, Corresponding Secretary.

[B.] TREASURER'S REPORT.

	Dues.	Week of Prayer.	Contingent.	Special.	P. W. L. Fund.	Mite Boxes.	Local Parsonage.	Local Mission.	Local Church.	Local Supplies.
San Bernardino.....	\$13 10	\$ 2 56	\$ 1 00				\$14 12	\$ 9 00	\$35 00	
Trinity.....	33 42	25 96	1 50			21	7 20	83 67	14 33	75 55
West End.....	10 40		25				3 50	8 00		13 00
Pomona.....	8 50	7 00					52 50			
Santa Ana.....	6 90		1 50				34 01		2 50	183 00
Downey.....	23 35	7 25	1 30	CUBAN. 10 00				13 55	48 25	
Bethel, Arizona.....			50						37 00	
Cahuenga.....	5 00	2 50	50		5 00		56 65		10 00	
Bellevue Avenue.....	6 00	4 50					12 00			
Totals	104 67	49 77	6 55	10 00	5 00	21	179 98	105 22	121 08	306 55

	DURING YEAR.	INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR.
Amount remitted of connectional membership dues.....	\$104 67	\$ 22 20
Amount remitted for Week of Prayer.....	49 77	38 92
Amount of contingent.....	6 55	5 20
Amount remitted for P. W. L. Fund.....	5 00	
Amount remitted from Mite Boxes.....	21	21
Money for Station Parsonages.....	179 98	100 48
Money expended in Local Missions (by voucher).....	105 22	18 42
Money expended in Local Church (by voucher).....	121 08	34 28
Supplies given locally (by voucher).....	306 55	262 20
Cuban School.....	10 00	5 95
Balance dues from last year.....		41 24
Dues retained this year.....		52 34

Total dues.....	93 58
Paid Rev. Walker for Cahuenga Parsonage.....	73 10
Balance in the Treasury.....	20 48
Balance contingent from last year.....	1 00
Balance contingent this year.....	6 55
Total Contingent.....	7 55
Paid U. Knoch for Minutes.....	6 00
Balance contingent in Treasury.....	1 55

MRS. WADE HAMILTON,

Conference Treasurer.

APPENDIX D.

Committee on Finance submit: "That we have examined the application for aid of Rev. Walker for parsonage at Cahuenga, and recommend that the action of the Executive Committee be sustained.

MRS. J. A. PIRTLE,

Chairman.

APPENDIX E.

We your Committee on Memoirs of the Los Angeles Conference, of the M. E. Church, South, beg leave to submit the following in memory of Miss Elizabeth Holding, who is the only one of our members who has been called from our labors on earth to her home of rest with our Heavenly Father.

Resolved, That in the death of Miss Holding we, as her co-workers, have sustained a loss that will long be felt.

Resolved, That in our sorrow our real comfort comes only from the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort.

Resolved, That no truer, nobler woman ever worked for women than she. Strong in faith, intimate with God and His Word, she was one who could be least spared from the walks of earth, but God took her.

Resolved, As a Conference we honor her memory and will emulate her faithfulness, and will pray that many more like her may be raised up to unfold the deep things of God's Word as she did.

MRS. KERNS.

MRS. HILL.

MRS. TURNER.

APPENDIX F.

We your Committee on Publication desire to make the following report: We rejoice that *Our Homes* is increasing in circulation, and desire to commend this excellent periodical to all our ladies. It is bright, newsy and wide-awake, and full of vital interest to all Home Mission workers. Mrs. Gross Alexander has been doing some fine work in the Leaflet Department, and we greatly appreciate her earnest efforts and urge all to read and distribute these valuable aids to our work.

Our Reading Course has been wisely planned, and much good may be accomplished by a careful study of the same. We regret that so few have given it their prayerful attention during the past year. We trust our officers will insist on each Auxiliary at once taking up this important duty.

MRS. JOSEPH HAMILTON.
MISS S. E. McLANE.
MRS. McCLANAHAN.

APPENDIX G.

Report of Committee on Resolutions:

I Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to our General Secretary, Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, for her opportune and cheerful presence, together with her valuable aid in directing our counsels and our work, and that we assure her of our love and prayers wherever she may go.

II Resolved, That we tender to the good people of Trinity our heartfelt thanks for their presence and unbounded hospitality.

III Resolved, That we recommend the regular course of reading recommended in *Our Homes*, and urge our people to a more general information in regard to our work and obligations.

IV Resolved, That we hail with pleasure the presence of Bishop Hargrove, and appreciate his words of wisdom and encouragement. That we will follow him with our prayers that God may restore his health and spare him long to the Church.

V (a) Resolved, That we appoint a committee of two to look after the condition of the parsonages, and especially to see that they are kept insured and cared for; that they be further instructed to give special care and diligence to save to the Society the money invested in the several localities.

(b) That where we have a parsonage and a W. P. and H. M. S. that it shall be the duty of the Society to care for the parsonage and report to our Conference Society.

MRS. S. PONDER.
MRS. HERVEY.
MRS. DR. LEWIS.

APPENDIX H.

Your Committee on Nominations submit the following report for your ratification:

For President, Mrs. J. F. G. Finley.
For Vice-President, Mrs. P. O. Clayton.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Turner.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. R. Means.
Treasurer, Mrs. W. Hamilton.
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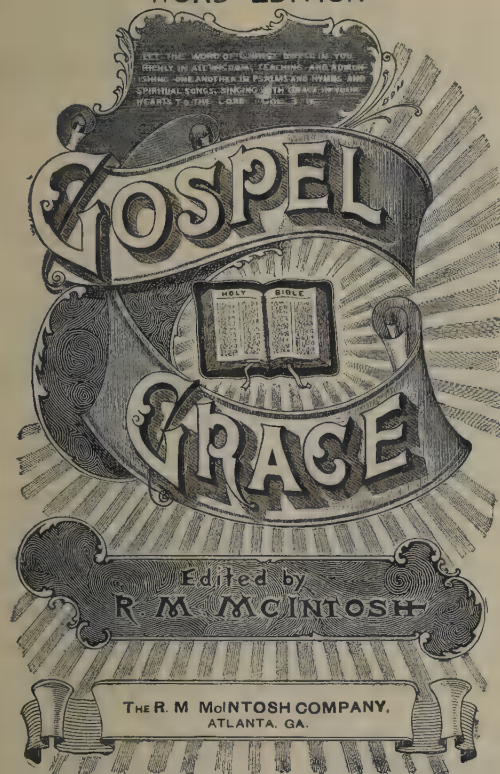
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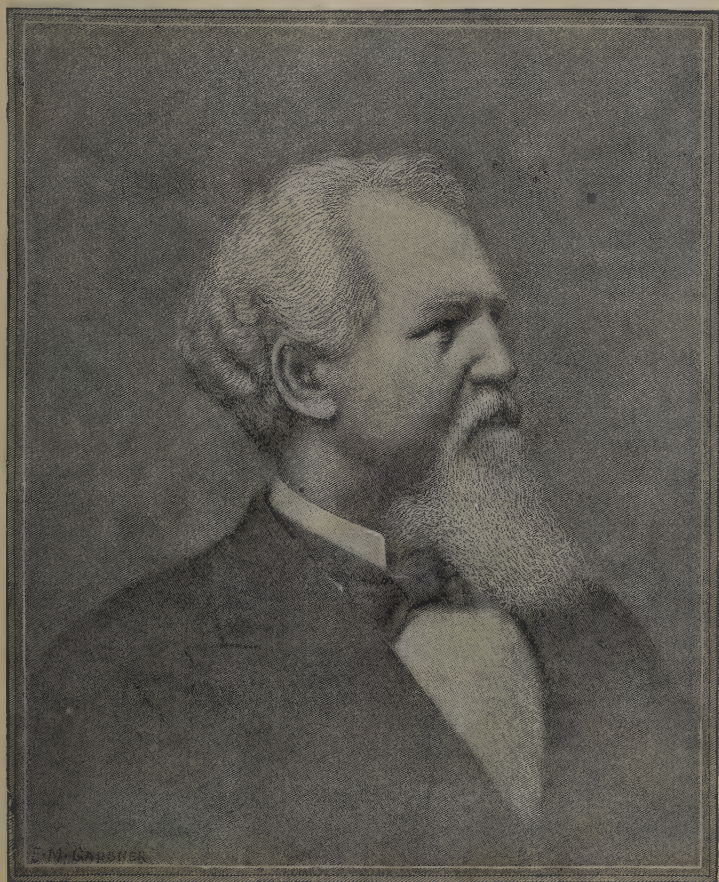
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JOURNAL

The Los Angeles Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in its twenty-eighth session, in Trinity Church, Los Angeles, California, at 9 A. M., Thursday, September 30th, 1897, Bishop R. K. Hargrove in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Bishop.

In the absence of the secretary of last Conference, the roll was called by R. A. Rowland as follows:—

Clerical—Abram Adams, J. W. Allen, Andrew Adkisson, Rufus Balaam, T. L. Duke, J. F. G. Finley, James Healey, Wade Hamilton, E. J. Harper, A. V. Harbin, L. J. Hedgpeth, J. J. N. Kenney, Q. A. Oats, C. S. Perry, R. A. Rowland, M. B. Sharbrough, Claude Thompson, W. E. Vaughan, S. W. Walker, J. M. Weems, W. L. Whisnant, C. C. Wright.

Lay Delegates, Arizona District—W. H. Smith, G. J. Smith, Dr. H. A. Hughes, Rev. T. R. Stewart.

Lay Delegates, Los Angeles District—G. E. Franklin, Joseph Hamilton, J. D. Ardis, T. W. Duckworth.

The following were absent:

J. F. G. Finley, L. J. Hedgpeth, G. J. Smith, W. H. Smith, Dr. H. A. Hughes, T. R. Stewart, G. E. Franklin, J. D. Ardis.

R. A. Rowland was elected secretary, with E. J. Harper as assistant, and Wade Hamilton was elected statistical secretary, with Claude Thompson as assistant.

Ulrich Knoch, an alternate delegate from Los Angeles District, was seated in the place of J. D. Ardis, who was absent.

The Conference fixed the hour of meeting at 9 A. M. and for adjournment at 12 M.

The fourth line of pews from the front, and from the north centre aisle to the south wall was named as the bar of the Conference.

On nomination by the Presiding Elders, the following were elected on the several Boards and Committees:—

CONFERENCE BOARDS:

Missions—J. M. Weems to take the place of W. E. Vaughan, transferred.

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COMMITTEES:

Public Worship—M. B. Sharbrough, J. J. N. Kenney and Jos Hamilton.

Conference Relations—Wade Hamilton, E. J. Harper, R. A. Rowland, J. M. Weems, J. J. N. Kenney, J. W. Allen, Jas. Healey.

District Conference Records—A. Adkisson, S. W. Walker, T. W. Duckworth.

Spiritual State of the Church—J. J. N. Kenney, J. M. Weems, G. J. Smith.

Temperance and Sabbath Observance—James Healey, Ulrich Knoch.

Resolutions—C. S. Perry, Wade Hamilton, T. W. Duckworth.

Bible Cause—T. L. Duke, C. W. Hoag, W. H. Smith.

Col. J. S. Austin, President P. M. College; S. V. Dilly, N. W. Mexico Conference; C. L. McCausland, Pacific Conference; J. A. Wright, West Texas Conference; and J. M. Weems and W. L. Whisnaut, members of this Conference who were not in attendance when the Bishop announced their transfer, were introduced to the Conference.

Communications from Secretary Board of Education, Sunday School Editor, Secretary of Epworth League, Agents of Publishing House, and from Lane and Paine Institutes, were read and referred to the proper Committees.

Question No. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons was called. A. V. Harbin made his report, passed in examination of character, and being favorably reported upon by the Examining Committee was advanced to the class of the third year and elected to Deacon's orders.

Question 2. Who remain on trial? Rufus Balaam and Claude Thompson made their reports, passed in examination of character, were favorably reported upon by the Examining Committee, and advanced to the class of the second year.

Question 5. Who are re-admitted? J. T. Thornton, local elder, was duly recommended by the Los Angeles District Conference for re-admission. He made his report and was re-admitted.

Question 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? William W. Brunk was duly recommended by the Nashville, (Tennessee) District Conference for election to Deacon's orders. He made his report and was elected to Deacon's orders.

The P. E. of the Arizona District presented to the Conference the certificate of ordination to Deacon's orders of Rev. D. M. Wynkoop, he having withdrawn from the ministry and membership of the M. E. Church, South.

Question 12. What traveling preachers are elected Elders? R. A. Rowland, S. W. Walker and A. Adkisson made their reports, passed in examination of character, were favorably reported upon by the Examining Committee and elected to Elder's orders.

The attention of the Conference was called to the incompleteness of the minutes of last Conference in relation to Minute Questions 1, 2, 7 and 10. The record should have read:

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial?

Claude Thompson was duly recommended by the District Conference of the Los Angeles District for admission on trial into the traveling connection. He made his report, was favorably reported upon by the Examining Committee, and admitted on trial.

Question 2. Who remain on trial?

A. V. Harbin made his report, passed in examination of character, was favorably reported upon by the Examining Committee and advanced to the class of the second year.

Rufus Balaam passed in examination of character, but not having appeared before the Examining Committee was continued in the class of the first year.

Question 7. Who are deacons of one year?

R. A. Rowland, S. W. Walker, W. A. Harris and A. Adkisson made their reports, passed in examination of character, were favorably reported upon by the Examining Committee, and advanced to the class of the fourth year.

Question 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?

Claude Thompson, being duly recommended by the Los Angeles District Conference, was elected to deacon's orders.

Question 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

The names of C. C. Wright, Abram Adams and L. J. Hedg-peth were called. They passed in examination of character and were referred to the Committee on Conference relations for the superannuated relation. Bro. Adams was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the sessions, on account of family affliction.

Questions 3, 14 and 15 were called and answered. See "Minute Questions," page 12.

Question 20 (Resumed): M. B. Sharbrough and W. E. Vaughan, presiding elders, made their report and passed in examination of character.

The election of delegates to the General Conference was made the order of the day for Friday, October 1, at 10 A. M.

The Committee on Public Worship reported that Mrs. R. K. Hargrove will deliver an address on the work of the W. P. & H. M. S. at 7.30.

Announcements were made, and after the doxology and the benediction by the Bishop the Conference adjourned.

Second Day, Friday, October 1, 1897.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Bishop R. K. Hargrove in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by C. W. Hoag.

After the roll was called, the minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and approved.

The Bishop announced the transfer of H. C. Christian and C. W. Hoag, elders, and C. L. McCausland, in the class of the first year, from the Pacific Conference.

Bro. Hoag was introduced to the Conference.

Communications from the Board of Missions and the Board of Church Extension were read and referred to the Conference Boards of Missions and Church Extension respectively.

It was resolved that the calling of the roll should be dispensed with for the remainder of the sessions.

The reception of fraternal delegates was made a special order, immediately after the order of the day.

Question 4. Who are admitted into full connection? Andrew V. Harbin, having satisfactorily answered the Disciplinary Questions, was admitted into full connection.

The Bishop called the order of the day and the Conference proceeded to the election of delegates to the next General Conference. The secretaries were appointed tellers.

The clerical members of the Conference voted as follows: J. J. N. Kenney, 11 votes; J. M. Weems, 3; Q. A. Oats, 2; J. W. Allen, 1; M. B. Sharbrough, 1.

J. J. N. Kenney, having received a majority of the 18 votes cast, was declared elected.

The clerical members then proceeded to ballot for an alternate delegate as follows: J. M. Weems, 12 votes; M. B. Sharbrough, 2; E. J. Harper, 2; J. Healey, 1; Q. A. Oats, 1.

J. M. Weems, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected.

J. B. Glover, an alternate delegate from Los Angeles District, was seated in the place of G. E. Franklin, who was absent.

The lay members of the Conference, after several unsuccessful ballots, voted as follows: Ulrich Knoch, 3 votes; T. W. Duckworth, 1.

Ulrich Knoch, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected.

The lay members then balloted for an alternate, as follows: E. D. Elliot, 4 votes. He was declared elected.

The credentials of Revs. J. J. Marks D. D., A. C. Junkin D. D. and J. M. Newell, fraternal delegates from the Presbytery of Los Angeles, and the latter also from the Synod of California of the Presbyterian Church; and of Rev. D. Lloyd Jenkins, fraternal delegate from the General Congregational Association of Southern California, were read. J. J. Marks and A. C. Junkin briefly addressed the Conference, conveying the greetings of the Presbyterian Church, and D. Lloyd Jenkins, of the Congregational Church.

The Bishop responded on behalf of the Conference.

Col. Austin addressed the Conference in the interests of the Pacific Methodist College.

Question 20. (Resumed.) J. J. N. Kenney, C. S. Perry and J. W. Allen, elders, made their reports and passed in examination of character.

The name of D. F. Watkins was called, and it was announced that he had withdrawn from the ministry and membership of the M. E. Church, South.

The Committee on Public Worship reported that the Board of Church Extension will hold its anniversary this evening at 7:30. The meeting to be addressed by the Bishop and W. E. Vaughan.

The place of E. D. Elliott, a lay member of the Joint Board

of Finance, was, on account of absence, declared vacant. T. W. Duckworth was appointed a member of the Board.

Announcements were made, and the Conference was, after the doxology and the benediction by J. W. Allen, adjourned.

Third Day, Saturday, October 2, 1897.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Bishop R. K. Hargrove in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by J. W. Allen.

The minutes of the previous session were read, amended and approved.

C. C. Wright, superannuated member of the Conference, and G. E. Franklin, lay delegate from Los Angeles District, arrived and took their seats.

The Bishop announced the transfer of N. T. Thomasson, an undergraduate in the class of the first year, from the Little Rock Conference.

Bro. Thomasson and R. P. Wilson, D. D., Editor *Pacific Methodist Advocate*, were introduced to the Conference.

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? Wm. W. Brunk, duly recommended by the Nashville, Tennessee, District Conference, was favorably reported upon by the Examining Committee, and admitted into the Conference on trial.

Question 20. (Resumed.) J. F. G. Finley, Q. A. Oats, Wade Hamilton, T. L. Duke, J. M. Weems, E. J. Harper, James Healey, W. L. Whisnant, elders, made their reports and passed in examination of character.

The Conference requested the Bishop to appoint two representatives (one ministerial and one lay) to convey its fraternal greetings to the Southern California Conference of the M. E. Church, now in session in this city. He was also requested to appoint fraternal delegates to the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches at their next meetings.

Question 16 was called and answered. (See Minute Questions, page 12).

Drs. Wilde and Harwood, of the Congregational Church; Rev. C. B. Ebey, of the Free Methodist Church, Dr. N. C. Briggs, Field Secretary, California Sabbath Association, and Dr. John Thompson, District Superintendent, American Bible Society, were introduced to the Conference.

C. W. Hoag presented the report of the Committee on Bible Cause, (See Appendix A.)

Dr. Thompson addressed the Conference, after which the report was adopted, and the Committee instructed to forward the balance in hand to the American Bible Society.

The Bishop announced the appointment of the following fraternal delegates: M. E. Church—J. M. Weems and T. W. Duckworth; Presbyterian Church, E. J. Harper and Wade Hamilton; Congregational Church—J. J. N. Kenney.

Q. A. Oats presented the report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals. (See Appendix B.)

R. P. Wilson, D. D., addressed the Conference, after which the report was adopted.

J. A. B. Wilson, D. D.; W. S. Matthew, Editor *California Christian Advocate*, and G. A. Crow, fraternal delegates from the M. E. Church, were introduced to the Conference and conveyed the hearty greetings of their Church. They also invited the Conference to meet in joint session with their Conference, at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The Bishop responded for the Conference, after which it was decided to accept the invitation, and, after adjournment, re-assemble at 3 P. M.

The Committee on Public Worship made the following announcements: Missionary Anniversary this evening, at 7:30 addressed by J. M. Weems.

Sunday:—Trinity, 11 A. M., Bishop R. K. Hargrove will preach, followed by ordination of Deacons.

3:00 P. M., Love-feast, led by J. W. Allen.

6:30 P. M., Epworth League service, addressed by Bishop R. K. Hargrove.

7:30 P. M., W. E. Vaughan will preach, followed by Ordination of Elders.

West End, 11 A. M., Jeames Healey.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 7:30 P. M., E. J. Harper.

Mateo Street, 11 A. M., J. M. Weems.

Bellevue Avenue, 11 A. M., C. W. Hoag.

Norwalk, 11 A. M., J. T. Thornton.

Announcements were made, and, after the doxology and benediction by R. A. Rowland, the Conference adjourned.

Third Day, Afternoon Session.

The Conference met, pursuant to adjournment, Bishop Hargrove in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. J. P. Jones.

W. W. Logan, of the United Presbyterian Church, and A. Ogborn and A. Hardie, of the M. E. Church, were introduced to the Conference.

The minutes of the previous session were read, amended and approved.

W. E. Vaughan presented the report of the Board of Missions. (See Appendix C.)

The report was received and ordered to record.

J. J. N. Kenney presented a suggested constitution for the government of the Conference Board of Missions. (See Appendix D.)

The constitution was adopted as a whole.

J. M. Weems reported that the fraternal delegates had conveyed the greetings of the Conference to the Southern California Conference of the M. E. Church.

J. M. Weems presented the report of the Committee on the Spiritual State of the Church. (See Appendix E.) The report was adopted.

A. Adkisson presented the report of the Committee on Education. (See Appendix F.) The report was adopted.

J. W. Allen presented the report of the Committee on Conference relations. (See Appendix G.) The report was adopted.

Questions 17 and 19 were called and answered. (See Minute Questions, page 12).

Wade Hamilton presented the report of the Board of Church Extension. (See Appendix H.) The report was received and ordered to record.

E. J. Harper presented the report of the Epworth Leagues Board. (See Appendix I.) The report was adopted.

J. Healey presented the report of the Committee on Temperance and Sabbath Observance. (See Appendix J.) The report was adopted.

C. S. Perry presented for the adoption of the Conference a memorial to the General Conference, in the matter of a connectional superannuated Preachers' and Preachers' Widows and Orphans' Fund, which was adopted. (See Appendix K.)

Dr. Harwood briefly addressed the Conference in the interests of the American Anti-Saloon League.

Ulrich Knoch presented the report of the Committees on Resolutions. (See Appendix L.) The report was adopted.

The presiding elder of the Los Angeles District reported on the condition of the charges served by supplies during the past year, viz: Ventura, Redlands, Escondido and Valley Center, and Bellevue Avenue, Los Angeles.

The statistical secretary presented his report, which was adopted. (See Statistical Tables.)

T. W. Duckworth presented the report of the Committee on District Conference Records. (See Appendix M.) The report was adopted.

T. W. Duckworth presented the report of the Joint Board of Finance. (See Appendix N.) The report was adopted.

Downey, California, was selected as the place for holding the next Conference.

The presiding elders were appointed a Committee to nominate members of the Board of Missions.

They nominated the following, who were elected by the Conference: J. J. N. Kenney, J. M. Weems, M. B. Sharbrough, H. C. Christian, W. H. Smith, T. R. Stewart, G. H. Wilkinson, Gus D. Harper, Ulrich Knoch.

The Bishop announced the following as the Joint Board of Finance: J. J. N. Kenney, Jos. Hamilton, J. M. Weems, W. H. Smith.

E. J. Harper presented the report of the Sunday School Board. (See Appendix O.) The report was adopted.

It was decided that when the Conference adjourns, it shall adjourn to meet immediately after the Missionary Anniversary

tonight, to finish all business except announcement of ordinations by the Bishop and reading the appointments.

The Conference was, after the doxology and benediction by Q. A. Oats, adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment, J. W. Allen in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by J. M. Weems.

The minutes of the previous session were read, amended and approved.

Ulrich Knoch was appointed to publish the minutes, at a cost to the Conference of \$50. Arrangements were made for paying this amount within 60 days.

J. M. Weems reported the Board of Missions as having organized as follows: J. J. N. Kenney, Pres.; M. B. Sharbrough, Vice-President; J. M. Weems, Secretary; Ulrich Knoch, Treasurer.

It was decided that, when the Conference adjourns, it shall adjourn to meet at 7 A. M., Monday, October 4. The members of the session were read and approved.

The Conference was, after the benediction by Dr. R. P. Wilson, adjourned.

Fourth Day, Monday, October 4th, 1897.

The Conference met, pursuant to adjournment, Bishop R. K. Hargrove in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by M. B. Sharbrough.

The presiding elders nominated the following to fill vacancies on the Examining Committees.

Admission on Trial: R. A. Rowland, to take the place of J. F. G. Finley.

Second Year: S. W. Walker added to Committee.

Fourth Year: H. C. Christian, to take the place of W. E. Vaughan, A. Adkisson added to Committee.

The Bishop reported that, after preaching at 11 A. M., yesterday, at Trinity Church, he ordained the following persons deacons: Andrew V. Harbin and Wm. W. Brunk; and that at the close of the evening service, in the same place, he ordained the following persons elders: Robert A. Rowland, Andrew Adkisson and Shade W. Walker.

Question 41. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT—H. C. Christian, P. E.

Los Angeles, Trinity—J. J. N. Kenney.

“ “ West End—W. L. Whisnant.

“ “ Mateo—J. W. Allen.

“ “ Bellevue—C. W. Hoag.

Downey—T. L. Duke.

San Diego—S. W. Walker.

Santa Ana—R. A. Rowland.

Azusa and Duarte—A. V. Harbin and W. W. Brunk.

Redlands—E. J. Harper.
San Bernardino—James Healey.
Norwalk and Ranchito—J. T. Thornton.
Newport and Bolsas—Rufus Balaam.
Carpentaria—Wade Hamilton.
Ventura—To be supplied by Robert T. Forbes.
Cahuenga—C. S. Perry.
Gardena—To be supplied.
Pomona—C. L. McCausland.
Lompoc and San Luis Obispo—To be supplied by G. H. Wilkinson.
Menifee—A. Adkisson.
Escondido and Valley Center—To be supplied by J. A. Wright.
ARIZONA DISTRICT—M. B. Sharbrough, P. E.
Phoenix—J. M. Weems.
Bethel—N. T. Thomasson.
Prescott—Q. A. Oats.
Jerome and Verde—Claude Thompson.
Tempe—M. B. Sharbrough.
West End—To be supplied by Robert Wright.
Williamson Valley—To be supplied.

TRANSFERRED.

W. E. Vaughan—To the Pacific Conference.
J. F. G. Finley—To the Pacific Conference.
The Conference adjourned, *sine die*, with the benediction by the Bishop.



MINUTE QUESTIONS

1.—Who are admitted on trial? Ans.—William Washington Brunk.

2.—Who remain on trial? Ans.—Rufus Balaam, Claude Thompson, N. T. Thomasson.

3.—Who are discontinued? Ans.—None.

4.—Who are admitted into full connection? Ans.—Andrew V. Harbin.

5.—Who are re-admitted? Ans.—J. T. Thornton.

6.—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? Ans.—H. C. Christian, C. W. Hoag, C. L. McCausland, N. T. Thomasson.

7.—Who are the deacons of one year? Ans.—None.

8.—What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Ans.—Andrew V. Harbin.

9.—What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Ans.—Andrew V. Harbin.

10.—What local preachers are elected deacons? Ans.—William W. Brunk.

11.—What local preachers are ordained deacons? Ans.—William W. Brunk.

12.—What traveling preachers are elected elders? Ans.—R. A. Rowland, S. W. Walker, A. Adkisson.

13.—What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Ans.—R. A. Rowland, S. W. Walker, A. Adkisson.

14.—What local preachers are elected elders? Ans.—None.

15.—What local preachers are ordained elders? Ans.—None.

16.—Who are located this year? Ans.—None.

17.—Who are supernumerary? Ans.—None.

18.—Who are superannuated? Ans.—A. Adams, C. C. Wright, L. J. Hedgpeth.

19.—What preachers have died during the past year? Ans.—None.

20.—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Ans.—The name of each was called and their life and official administration approved.

21.—What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference? Ans.—Local preachers, 24; members, 2227.

22.—How many infants have been baptized during the year? Ans.—35.

23.—How many adults have been baptized during the year? Ans.—63.

24.—What is the number of Epworth Leagues? Ans.—27.

25.—What is the number of Epworth League members?
Ans.—855.

26.—What is the number of Sunday Schools? Ans.—34.

27.—What is the number of Sunday School teachers? Ans.—
295.

28.—What is the number of Sunday School scholars? Ans.—
2011.

29.—What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? Ans.—\$525.

30.—What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? Ans.—\$441.35, applied as follows:

Mrs. W. L. Albright.....\$101.90

Mrs. S. M. Adams..... 69.95

A. Adams..... 52.90

C. C. Wright..... 101.90

L. J. Hedgpeth..... 64.95

Mrs. Miller..... 49.75

31.—What has been contributed for missions? Ans.—Foreign, \$805.23; domestic, \$316.15.

32.—What has been contributed for Church Extension? Ans.—\$214.12.

33.—What has been done for the American Bible Society? Ans.—\$85.65.

34.—What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Ans.—Presiding elders, \$1230.56; preachers in charge, \$7477.87.

35.—What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? Ans.—\$127.80.

36.—What is the number of Societies, and the number and estimated value of Church edifices? Ans.—Number of Societies, 40; number of Church edifices, 30; value, \$108,565.

37.—What is the number of pastoral charges, and the number and value of parsonages owned by them? Ans.—Number of charges, 24; number of parsonages, 22; value, \$29,500.

38.—What is the number and value of district parsonages? Ans.—Number of district parsonages, 1; value, \$600.

39.—What are the educational statistics? Ans.—\$79.65 has been raised.

40.—Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Ans.—Downey, California.

41.—Where are the preachers stationed this year? Ans.—See appointments.

APPENDIX

A—BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee on the Bible Cause beg leave to report as follows:

There has been raised for the cause by the Conference during the past year, \$85.54. Of this sum \$60 has been turned over to the Rev. John Thompson, D.D., the American Bible Society's superintendent on this coast, and the remainder, \$25.54, is in our hands subject to the order of the Conference. We have received reports from only fifteen charges, so that only about half of the preachers have taken collections. The committee desires to call attention to the act of our last General Conference, which requires every pastor to present the Bible cause and take a collection in each congregation under his care each year. The Bible should have the widest possible circulation. Every man, woman or child who is able to read it should have a copy to read. Therefore, we, your Committee, desire to offer the following resolution:

Be it resolved, That we indorse the work of the American Bible Society at home and abroad, and that we pledge ourselves that during the coming year we will increase our efforts to circulate the Scriptures among the people, and to assist the American Bible Society by our sympathies, our prayers and our best efforts to further its great work.

T. L. DUKE,
C. W. HOAG.

The BIBLE DEPOSITORY of the American Bible Society for Southern California is kept at the Bookstore of Fowler & Colwell, 221 W. Second Street, between Spring and Broadway, Los Angeles, Cal.

B—BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

We, your Committee on Books and Periodicals, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have had under consideration the exhibit of our Publishing House, submitted to us by the Conference.

We are pleased to note the prosperity of this institution, especially in the business department, and the literary work we suppose to be all that could be expected under the circumstances. We believe the character of the periodical literature to be excelled by none.

We believe the management should strive to supply all the literary wants of its natural patronage, and to make the publications as cheap as possible. In much of the work of the House,

quantity and variety are more essential than the mechanical work. This is especially so in view of the fact that this is an age of cheap and efficient enterprises, and the rivals of our Publishing House are noted for success in this respect, especially as regards making literature that commends itself to the people by reason of its cheapness.

We take great pleasure in noting the appropriations the Publishing House has been able to make to the superannuated preachers, amounting during the past decade to \$127,000. While this is not the prime intention and the first importance of the House, it should certainly commend it to the patronage of every preacher and their friends.

The high order of our periodical literature should be to us a cause of just pride. The editorial work on them is equal to the best the world affords.

The *Nashville Christian Advocate* is wisely edited, and filled from week to week with matter of the highest order. This paper should be in every home of the church, and its circulation should be hundreds of thousands instead of thousands.

Our *Methodist Review* has attained an excellency unexcelled by any like periodical in the world, and we are pleased to note the constant growth in the extent of its circulation. No preacher should be without it, and many of our laymen would find in it what they need.

We heartily commend our Sunday-School, Epworth League and missionary publications, and are glad to note the constant increase in their patronage. We would especially emphasize the paper known as *Our Homes*, published in the interest of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Missionary Society.

The *Pacific Methodist Advocate* has been wisely edited and true to the Church and cause of Christ. It has proven the wisdom of its projectors as an essential institution to the success of our cause on the Pacific Coast. We urge all our people to give it their patronage, and to secure for it the widest possible circulation. We urge upon the General Conference the necessity of its continuance, and the continuation to it of all the financial aid necessary to this end. We would especially recommend, if it be possible, that the editorial and business management be separated. The editorial work needs all the time and care of an able and industrious editor. No one man can do justice by both departments.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN W. ALLEN,
Q. A. OATS.

C—REPORT ON MISSIONS.

It is gratifying to note the fact, despite the hard times, the fifty-first annual report of the Board of Missions sent us shows an increase of contributions over former years, that the increase in membership and growing interest throughout the foreign field prevails.

The Conference has raised during the current year, 1896-1897, as follows:

Foreign Missions: Los Angeles District—Assessment, \$1000; paid, \$558.58. Arizona District—Assessment, \$400; paid, \$244.75.

Domestic Missions: Los Angeles District—Assessment, \$400; paid, \$197.20. Arizona District—Assessment, \$200; paid, \$114.

Disbursements of amount on hand as follows: San Diego, \$25; Norwalk, \$25; Cahuenga, \$25; Pomona and Azusa, \$30; San Bernardino, \$50; Mateo, \$30; Arizona District, \$46.20; leaving a balance of \$80 to be paid out by the Treasurer.

With consent of Bishop and Cabinet, appropriations were made for 97-98 as follows: Azusa and Duarte, \$60; Norwalk and Ranchito, \$50; Cahuenga, \$20; Lompoc and San Luis Obispo, \$50; Prescott, Ariz., \$100; Valley C. and Escondido, \$40; Santa Ana, \$50.

For Foreign Missions, \$1400 made on this Conference by parent body, apportioned as follows: Los Angeles District, \$1000; Arizona District, \$400.

For Domestic Missions, \$500, apportioned as follows: Los Angeles District, \$235; Arizona District, \$165.

J. J. N. KENNEY, President.

W. E. VAUGHAN, Secretary.

D—CONSTITUTION OF THE LOS ANGELES ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

ARTICLE 1. The Board of Missions of the Los Angeles Conference shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, officers to be elected by the Board in their own way, and five Managers, making nine members, to be elected quadrennially by the Annual Conference. Four of these shall be traveling preachers, the remaining five may be local preachers and laymen, who shall continue in office during the quadrennium, or until their successors are appointed.

ARTICLE 2. The Board shall have power to fill vacancies, subject to confirmation by the Conference. When any elected Manager shall be absent during two successive sessions of the Board, his place may be declared vacant by the Board.

ARTICLE 3. The Board shall meet annually at the time and place of holding the Annual Conference, or on call of the President in the interim of Conference sessions. Three members present shall constitute a quorum. There shall be a public missionary meeting held by the Board at the time and place of holding the Annual Conference, at which time the report of the Board and Treasurer shall be read, and the interests of the Mission cause promoted by such means as the Board shall deem expedient.

ARTICLE 4. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings. The Secretary shall record the proceedings, and make the annual report of the Board, which shall contain a full statement of its operations. The Treasurer shall receive and hold the funds of the Board, subject to

the order of the Board. He shall make and publish annually a full report of all receipts and disbursements, naming the amount assessed against and paid by each charge, and the missions supported by the Board, and the amount appropriated and paid to each.

ARTICLE 5. The officers of this Board constitute an Executive Committee, with power to transact business in the interim of Conferences.

ARTICLE 6. The power and duties of the Board have been clearly prescribed by the General Conference, and published in Chapter II, Articles 12 to 18 of the Discipline. The Conference Board of Missions will confine its operations within the boundaries of the Conference.

J. J. N. KENNEY,
M. B. SHARBROUGH,
W. E. VAUGHAN.

E—SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCH.

To the Bishop and Members of the Los Angeles Conference:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN—We, your Committee on the Spiritual State of the Work, have listened with great interest to the reports given by our pastors from the various charges during the past year, and in these reports we find many things that should cause us to render devout thanksgiving unto God. We rejoice to note the fact that, without exception, all are hopeful for the future. There does not seem to be a pessimist among us. We therefore thank God and take courage, accepting this hopefulness of the men who minister at our altars as the evident token of the favor of God upon us. We rejoice that the same spirit of hope that thrills the hearts of our pastors also gladdens the hearts of our membership. We rejoice that souls have been converted at our altars, that gracious revivals have blessed our efforts during the year.

We rejoice in the advancement made and the good work accomplished by the various societies and institutions in the church, such as the Sunday School, the Epworth League, and our missionary societies.

We rejoice in the love and loyalty of our ministry and membership to the various interests and institutions of our Church, and for the blessed spirit of brotherly love and harmony that prevails among us.

And now, brethren, encouraged by these things, and trusting in the presence and power of a living Christ, the captain of our salvation, who has never lost a battle or forsook his own, let us gird ourselves afresh for the battle. The struggle will be fierce, it may be long. The enemy is subtle, malignant, resourceful, and strong. He is intrenched behind the fortifications of organized human depravity, and nothing short of the absolute and unconditional surrender of the heart to Jesus Christ will dislodge him from

his stronghold and put him to flight. Or, to change the figure, the tides of worldliness, covetousness, Sabbath desecration, intemperance, gambling, licentiousness, and such like, are rolling their black waves around us, threatening the sanctities of our homes and to quench the altar fires of our churches; so that it behooves us to be courageous and strong, to quit ourselves like men, to endure hardship as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, to keep the unity of the Spirit, contend earnestly for the faith, and above all to keep the law of love inviolate. For if we do so, victory is certain, and the day of our triumph is near to its dawning.

J. J. N. KENNEY,
J. M. WREMS.

F—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education submit the following report:

We rejoice to know, through the communications received by your committee from the General Board, of the increased interest in educational work throughout our whole connection; and we trust that our preachers and people will awake to the real need of Christian education that exists here in this western country. Our higher institutions of learning are so dominated with a spirit which is antagonistic to Christianity, that we cannot afford to be derelict in our duty.

We heartily recommend Colonel Austin, to whom you have listened in behalf of his cause, and the Pacific Methodist College, to you for your support and patronage.

The General Board has sent an assessment of \$47 to be levied upon this Conference, to be distributed as follows: Los Angeles District, \$30; Arizona District, \$17.

We recommend that one Sunday of the month of May be set apart as education day. The General Secretary has asked that we appoint a Conference Secretary to co-operate with him, and we ask Bishop Hargrove to appoint Q. A. Oats as Educational Secretary for our Conference.

We also recommend that an assessment of \$150 be distributed for collection for Pacific Methodist College.

There was raised \$78.65 on last year's assessment, applied as follows: General Board, \$20; Pacific Methodist College, \$58.65.

ABRAM ADAMS,
A. ADKISSON.

G—CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

We, your Committee on Conference Relations, have had referred to them the following named brethren for the superannuated relation: A. Adams, C. C. Wright and L. J. Hedgpeth. We recommend that this relation be granted to them by this Conference.

WADE HAMILTON,
Chairman.

JOHN W. ALLEN, Secretary.
Oct. 1, A. D., 1897.

H—BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

DEAR BRETHREN: We submit the following report on the Church Extension cause in our Conference. The Los Angeles District was assessed \$380. Paid \$143.12. Collected at anniversary, paid, \$12.20. The Arizona District was assessed \$120. Paid \$68.05. Total assessment, \$500. Total amount paid, \$223.37. This amount has been distributed as follows:

To the Parent Board, \$111.69. To the Middle Verde in Arizona \$36, and to West End, Los Angeles City, Cal., \$75.68. We also recommend that the Parent Board donate \$1,000 to Redlands, Cal. The assessment for next year is \$500, which shall be distributed as follows: Los Angeles District, \$380. Arizona District, \$120.

We take pleasure in appending hereto a summary of the work done by the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society, which shows the amounts donated by them since 1889.

WOMAN'S PARSONAGE AND HOME MISSION SOCIETY—LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE.

Names of places helped, together with amount given each respectively. By Central Committee.

GENERAL OFFICERS.

PLACE.	YEAR.	DONATION.		
Carpenteria, Cal.....	1889	\$500.00	Creston, Cal.....	1890 45.38
Escondido, Cal.....	1890	500.00	Menifee Valley, Cal.....	1890 45.38
West End, Ariz.....	1892	300.00	Escondido, Cal.....	1891 75.00
Ventura, Cal.....	1893	300.00	Creston, Cal.....	1891 75.00
Tempe, Ariz.....	1893	575.00	Creston, Cal.....	1893 50.00
Pomona, Cal.....	1896	200.00	West End, Ariz.....	1895 90.70
			San Bernardino, Cal.....	1896 29.12
			West End, Ariz.....	1896 5.50
			Pomona, Cal.....	1896 27.50
			Santa Ana, Cal.....	1896 53.16
			Bellevue Ave., Los Angeles	1896 12.00
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				\$721.89

BY CONFERENCE SOCIETY. \$2,375.00

San Bernardino, Cal....	1888	\$ 18.00
San Luis Obispo, Cal....	1888	140.00
San Luis Obispo.....	1889	55.15

President—Miss Belle H. Bennett, Richmond, Ky.

General Secretary—Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, West Nashville, Tenn.

Treasurer—Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Nashville, Tenn.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Alice Ibidness, Garvanza, Cal.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. E. J. Harper, Redlands, Cal.

Treasurer—Mrs. Wade Hamilton, Carpenteria, Cal.

PUBLICATIONS.

Our Homes—50 cents a year. Loan Fund Book—20 cents. Parsonage Plans, 10 cents.

J. W. ALLEN, President.

WADE HAMILTON, Secretary.

I—EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD.

We rejoice to find a decided increase in the number and membership of our Leagues. A gain of 131 in membership at this time is very encouraging indeed. Our young people, we are glad to say, are giving more attention to the reading course; and, as a result, there is a growing interest in the work of our Church. We desire to urge all our preachers to emphasize the course of study, and to insist that our young people read the valuable books that are issued from our Publishing House. We regret to learn that there has been a falling off in the general circulation of the

Epworth Era, but rejoice to know that our Conference is in nowise responsible for the decrease. However, we urge our pastors to present the *Era* to our Leaguers, requesting them to support the same. The course of reading for the coming year is of exceptional worth, and we trust our Leagues will all purchase one or more sets and form reading circles for the winter.

Many of our Leagues have been prompt in paying the *per capita* tax, but others have been negligent in the matter. The pastors can correct this matter if they will give a little attention to it.

We rejoice to see a growing interest in missions among the Leaguers, and would recommend that the preachers see to it that their Leaguers are supplied with up-to-date missionary matter, and that at least once a quarter a service be given entirely to the subject.

In this land where strangers are so numerous, the Leaguers may be of great help to their pastors in looking for the stranger and inviting him to the church. We think he is a wise pastor who will get his young people interested in this work.

We would recommend that the General Conference make the President of the Epworth League a member of the Quarterly Conference.

E. J. HARPER,
J. W. ALLEN.

J—SABBATH OBSERVANCE AND TEMPERANCE.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—Your Committee on Sabbath Observance and Temperance beg leave to report as follows:

In commonwealths like California and Arizona, where there is no legal Sabbath, a great deal of education and agitation by pulpit and pew is necessary. All people need to be constantly reminded that the command to keep holy the Sabbath day is as binding as any in the Decalogue, and that a violation of it tends to a disregard of all God's laws, and is therefore subversive of all good law and wholesome government. In the beginning, our Creator demanded one seventh of our time to be given to the cultivation of, or the building up of, our spiritual natures, and, after a trial of thousands of years, we find the nations which observe and enforce that demand to have arisen from savagery, or, at least, from a wild state, and are now powerful, vigorous and aggressive in every thing that tends to the stability of human government and the betterment of our race; while those who have, after a time, ceased to regard it are continually tending downward, and some of them have already lapsed into barbarism. Let us teach men, both by precept and example, to eschew all servile work on the Lord's day, and give themselves to the cultivation of, and ennobling of, their moral natures.

On the subject of temperance, we again declare ourselves altogether and forever opposed to every phase and form of the liquor traffic. We do not believe that, for a stated sum of money, we have the right to license any man to traffic in an article that

blasts everything it touches, and brutalizes every one who gets enslaved by its pernicious influence.

Let us continue to persuade all our people to use all the rights of their citizenship to drive this curse from our land. While our Church is not joined to any political party, it is, and always has been, emphatically a Prohibition Church, and has been so declared by our General Conference.

We believe it to be our duty to assist men into places of power who will treat the lawless element engaged in this nefarious traffic as other criminals, and who will assist us, by all lawful means, to oppose it while life lasts, or until it is driven from our land. Respectfully submitted,

JAMES HEALEY.
ULRICH KNOCH.

K—MEMORIAL TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Whereas, our Conference Claimants are as a rule, very inadequately provided for, be it

RESOLVED, That the Los Angeles Annual Conference respectfully memorialize the General Conference, at its next meeting, to make provision for the establishment of a Connectional Superannuated Preachers' and Preachers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, to be distributed on an equitable basis to the claimants upon this fund throughout the Church.

W. E. VAUGHAN,
C. S. PERRY.

L—RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, We have enjoyed the hospitality of Trinity Church and been entertained at the homes of its members:

Resolved, That we express our fraternal and cordial thanks for the warm hearted reception given to us as representatives of the Conference. To the ladies for their kind and bounteous entertainment, and to our host, Rev. J. J. N. Kenney and his aids, and to all our brethren and sisters, who have ministered to our wants and made our Conference session a pleasant and profitable occasion.

WHEREAS, We are informed that an effort will be made at the approaching General Conference to dissolve the autonomy of the Los Angeles Conference, and incorporate it as a part of the Pacific Conference, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we do most earnestly protest against such proposed action—as unwise and calculated to hinder and embarrass our work among the people of this section. That, in the midst of a rapidly growing population, with great material interests, constantly becoming more extensive, a policy of contraction means disaster to the work of our beloved Church.

Resolved, Further, that we call attention to the geographical hindrances to the proposed union of the Los Angeles and Pacific Conferences, to the immense area of the State of California, and to its length of coast line, extending as far as from Georgia to New York, and to the consequent heavy traveling expenses to

attend the Conference sessions should such action be taken; also to the fact that agitation for the division of the State has been carried on for years and will eventually be accomplished. Further, that other religious bodies have their separate organizations for the southern part of California for the same reasons. For us to sound the retreat in the face of these facts would be a backward step indeed.

Resolved, That we instruct our delegates to use their influence and utmost endeavors to prevent any such change in our Conference.

C. S. PERRY, Chairman.

ULRICH KNOCH, Sec'y.

M—DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

To the Los Angeles Annual Conference:

Your Committee on District Conference Records report that they have examined the records of Los Angeles District Conference and find that the same, with very slight exceptions, has been well and faithfully kept. That they have examined the records of the Arizona District Conference, and find the same a complete record, but that the work has the appearance of being that of a careless or very inexperienced person. In the first day's proceedings the words "The roll was made up" are used, while we think it should read "The roll was called." Several interlineations appear, and at two or three places the reports are written on half space, which deprives the book of a neat appearance.

ANDREW ADKISSON,
T. W. DUCKWORTH,
S. W. WALKER.

N—JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

To the Los Angeles Annual Conference:

Your Joint Board of Finance report as follows:

For the purpose of raising the Conference claimants' fund, this Board adopts the plan known as "the five per cent. law," to wit: The assessment for the Conference claimants' fund, on each pastoral charge, shall be an amount equal to five per cent. of the aggregate claims of the preacher in charge and the Presiding Elder. In case the preacher in charge shall fail to collect this claim, he shall be held personally responsible to the Joint Board of Finance for an amount equal to five per cent. of his own personal receipts on salary.

We find amount assessed for General Conference delegates, \$91.50; paid, \$63.05; leaving \$28.45 uncollected. For the purpose of raising the balance the Board assessed the same on the different charges—\$19 95 to be paid by the Los Angeles District, and \$10 to be raised by the Arizona District; and the Board directs that these amounts be raised during the month of October, 1897, by the preachers on the different charges, and be immediately thereafter forwarded to the Treasurer of the Joint Board of Finance.

We find cash on hand for Conference claimants amounting to \$441.35, and we apportion the same as follows:

To Sister W. L. Albright.....	\$101.90
To Brother C. C. Wright.....	101.90
To Sister S. M. Adams.....	69.95
To Brother L. J. Hedgpeth.....	64.95
To Brother Abr. Adams.....	52.90
To Sister J. E. Miller.....	49.75

Of this amount \$77 was received from Barbee and Smith. (Sister E. C. Knott and Sister L. E. Clayton each relinquishes her claim.) Any further amount handed in on this fund shall be distributed pro rata as above.

Received for the support of bishops, \$122.05. We have Barbee and Smith's voucher for \$15. Balance paid to Bishop Hargrove. We have received assessments from Barbee and Smith for the support of Bishops for the incoming Conference year, \$171.60. We apportion same as follows: To Arizona District, \$57.20; to Los Angeles District, \$114.40.

We have received from Barbee and Smith, from Calvin fund, the sum of \$4. apportioned as follows: To Mrs. Albright, \$2; to Mrs. Adams, \$1; to Mrs. Miller, \$1.

J. J. N. KENNEY,
E. J. HARPER,
T. W. DUCKWORTH,
Joint Board of Finance.

O—SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

To the Bishop and Members of Los Angeles Annual Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN—Your Sunday-School Board would respectfully submit the following report:

We are devoutly thankful to God for growth in every department of the Sunday-school work during the past year—increase in pupils, in teachers, in schools and collections; though small, yet indicative of healthy condition. We urge our pastors to be faithful in hunting up and bringing the children into the Sunday School. We collected on Children's Day, as reported to the Treasurer, \$73.24; we had remaining in the treasury, from last year, \$2.60, making a total of \$75.84. We have voted \$10 to aid the Newsboys' Home Sunday School in Los Angeles, and \$13 to Mateo Street School in Los Angeles. Ventura collected money on Children's Day, but used it contrary to Discipline; such disregard of regulations will bring disorder. The Board voted to donate no money to Sunday Schools not using our own literature. We most heartily commend the new Young People's Hymnal to all the Sunday Schools as one of the very best books to be had. The importance of the right song books cannot be overestimated. The Board will furnish, as in the past, the Children's Day program.

E. J. HARPER,
R. A. ROWLAND,
S. W. WALKER.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society



The Thirteenth Annual Session, of Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society, held in Trinity M. E. church South, Los Angeles, from Wednesday, Sept. 29 to Friday evening, Oct. 1, 1897.

An Executive Session was held, Wednesday, 10 A. M., Mrs. Finley, President, presiding—all officers present—devotional exercises. Fifteen delegates were enrolled, representing San Bernardino, Trinity, West End, Pomona, Santa Ana, Downey, Cahuenga, Bellevue Avenue, Mateo, Carpenteria, Phoenix, Prescott and San Diego. Discussion as to number of delegates that each Society is entitled to. The following Committees were then appointed, chairman of each only is named. *Finance*, Mrs. Wade Hamilton; *Publication*, Mrs. E. J. Harper; *Resolutions*, Mrs. Wilson; *Platform Courtesies*, ————; *Extension of Work*, Mrs. Anderson. Nominations in open session. A bill for publishing last year's Minute read and referred to Finance Committee.

Cahuenga made application for a donation. The Committee recommended the donation to be made, and, instead of the "Refunding Bond" clause, that the donation be made upon a refunding contract made by the Trustees, and if possible that the instrument be acknowledged before a Notary, and the instrument be put on record.

Wednesday, September 29, 2 P. M. Devotional exercises led by Mrs. Finley. Mrs. Finley, President, was present and presided at every session. Minutes of two Executive meetings read and approved. Report of Corresponding Secretary read by Mrs. Harper. Mrs. Field, of Trinity, read a welcome address, which was answered by Mrs. Belle O. Franklin. Mrs. R. M. Copeland sang a consecration solo. The Treasurer read report for the year, which was accepted.

Reports of auxiliaries were then read: Trinity, Mrs. Ponder; Bellevue Avenue, Mrs. Copeland; Mateo, Mrs. J. W. Allen; Carpenteria, Mrs. Wade Hamilton. Mrs. Brooks, of Ventura, gave report of local work done. Mrs. P. O. Clayton, President of Ex. Board of City Missions, read report of City Mission work. Mrs. J. R. Toberman, Treasurer of that Board, read her report. Mrs. E. J. Harper read report of Prescott auxiliary. Mrs. R. K. Hargrove came in at the close of the first afternoon session, and at all subsequent sessions was always opportune in helpful sugges-

tions, in cheery encouragement, and at all times ready to assist or instruct. Mrs. R. A. Rowland warmly advocated the cause of the Children's Home of San Diego. Mrs. Hargrove urged the forming of Juvenile and Young People's Societies.

Thursday, September 30, 2 P. M.—Devotional exercises led by Mrs. Jennie Wilson. All visiting members were invited to take part in the discussions. The paper, "Symposium—Our Opportunities," in three divisions, was presented and discussed. "The Visiting Committee," by Miss Duke; "Cottage Prayer Meetings and Bible Reading," by Mrs. C. P. Brown, concluded by Mrs. E. R. Means. Mrs. Copeland, of Bellevue Avenue, read "Fraternal Greetings" from the W. F. M. Society. Mrs. Finley read a summary of general work.

Rev. Dilly, foreign missionary from Mexico, was introduced.

Mrs. Wilson reported San Bernardino Auxiliary. Mrs. Hargrove made a strong appeal for connectional work and the observance of a week of prayer, and also urged the societies to use the Reading Course. Mrs. Price read report of Cahuenga Auxiliary.

Finance Committee was granted permission to take collection at evening session to defray expense of publishing Minutes. Mrs. Brown urged all to subscribe for "*Our Homes*."

Arizona sent \$30 for Mission work, which was appropriated to Los Angeles City Mission, being the only one directly under control of the Annual Society.

Thursday, September 30, 7:30 P. M. The public meeting was opened by devotional exercises by Rev. J. M. Weems. Mrs. Wolfskill read report of City Mission work. Results of six months' work shows considerable progress to have been made. A school has been organized at the Newsboys' Home and teaching in Chinese families has been commenced. Mrs. Hargrove then addressed the societies, giving a full and enthusiastic account of the general work. The Bishop followed by a short address on the value of Loan Funds. The collection amounted to \$15.65.

Friday, October 1, 2 P. M. Mrs. Chas. F. Harper conducted devotional exercises. Reports of Phoenix, West End, Downey, San Diego, and Santa Ana Auxiliaries were read. Mrs. Hargrove urged the payment of the 10 cts. dues. Election resulted in—President, Mrs. E. J. Harper; Vice-president, Mrs. Wade Hamilton; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. P. O. Clayton; Treasurer, Mrs. Dr. Lewis. District Secretaries—Los Angeles, Mrs. Belle O. Franklin and Mrs. Jennie Wilson; Arizona, Mrs. A. Alsap.

Mrs. John A. Pirtle read a paper—"How to make the best of our Literature?" Mrs. Hargrove announced that little booklets were ready for applicants whose names were enrolled on the list of P. W. L. F. Mrs. Oats was elected Editor of the Society for the coming year. Reports of the Committee on Parsonages showed the majority of the parsonages were cared for and in good condition.

Finance Committee reported \$4.72½ spent for Literature during the last year—recommending that all money used in City Mis-

Memberships, Baptisms, Church Property, Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools.

NAME OF CHARGE.		NAME OF PASTOR.		MEMBERSHIP, BAPTISMS AND CHURCH PROPERTY.													EPWORTH LEAGUES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.													
		No. of Local Preachers.	No. of White Members.	No. of Colored Members.	Total Members this Year	Total Members Last Year	Additions on Profession of Faith.	Additions by Certificate and Otherwise.	Removals by Death, Certificate and Otherwise.	Infants Baptized.	No. of Societies.	No. of Churches.	Value of Churches.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Other Church Property.	Money Expended for Churches and Parsonages.	No. of Epworth League Members.	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Amount Collected for Sunday Schools.	Amount Collected for Missions.	Amount Collected on Children's Day.	Amount Collected for Other Objects.	Total Amount Raised.					
Los Angeles—Trinity.....	J. J. N. Kenney.....	3	378	...	378	353	13	27	15	9	1	1	\$26000	1	\$6400	\$8452	\$3050	3	106	2	30	205	167	47	\$1551	\$957	\$677	\$19988		
" " Bellevue.....	A. L. Hunsaker.....	1	41	...	41	51	13	11	9	...	1	1	7000	1	1750	...	...	2	30	1	10	65	42	60	5	...	...	4260	
" " West End.....	C. S. Perry.....	2	100	...	100	89	3	17	9	3	1	1	7500	1	1200	...	7400	2	85	1	18	91	71	85	6	...	...	10222	
" " Mateo.....	J. W. Allen.....	1	47	...	47	30	5	13	7	9	1	1	1500	1	...	...	19082	2	52	1	17	121	41	84	8	...	...	3045	
Cahuenga.....	J. F. G. Finley.....	...	67	...	67	68	...	6	2	...	1	1	1265	1	1250	250	1940	1	35	1	7	37	14	80	4	...	...	3080	
Gardena.....	A. V. Harbin.....	33	33	...	33	22	1	1	...	1	1	1	1000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	33	16	75	3	45	...	...	3016
Downey.....	T. L. Duke.....	8	179	...	179	159	6	15	11	...	1	1	3500	1	500	3200	...	2	100	1	19	130	37	00	4	07	...	...	4607
Santa Ana.....	S. W. Walker.....	1	114	...	114	103	18	7	9	2	1	1	4000	1	2000	5300	...	1	23	9	91	50	25	5	38	...	...	5564	
San Diego.....	R. A. Rowland.....	1	91	...	91	127	2	10	48	1	2	1	10000	1	4000	600	242400	1	10	8	60	49	89	4	01	...	...	8610	
San Bernardino.....	O. A. Oats.....	1	93	...	93	114	...	4	25	...	1	1	5000	1	500	...	...	2	54	2	15	92	45	00	3	45	...	...	2785
Norwalk and Rancho.....	Claud Thompson.....	1	66	...	66	71	5	5	12	1	3	2	1300	1	400	...	5000	1	14	2	15	92	45	00	...	...	...	...	8944
Newport and Bolsa.....	W. W. Brink.....	2	34	...	34	20	5	6	3	...	1	1	4000	1	1000	2500	...	2	54	2	15	92	45	00	...	...	...	...	8944
Ventura.....	J. H. Ainsworth.....	1	56	...	56	47	5	5	12	1	3	2	1600	1	500	...	...	2	54	2	15	92	45	00	...	...	...	...	8944
Carpenteria.....	Wade Hamilton.....	2	53	...	53	55	5	6	3	...	4	1	2	8000	3	2500	1500	...	1	39	13	52	26	20	1	75	230	10000
Pomona, Duarte and Azusa.....	J. T. Thornton.....	3	143	...	143	136	18	3	15	4	1	3	5250	3	1150	110900	...	3	114	34	13	52	26	20	1	75	5305	5305
Valley Center and Escondido.....	J. A. Wright.....	1	68	...	68	73	3	4	10	2	2	2	1500	1	1200	50	1000	1	35	2	8	55	20	85	...	...	...	...	5475
Menifee.....	A. Adkisson.....	47	47	...	47	53	...	3	1	...	1	1	500	1	400	50	11965	1	34	2	12	68	23	10	...	...	...	...	2085
Lompoc.....	Rufus Balaam.....	3	68	...	68	82	8	9	9	...	2	1	4500	2	...	...	...	1	26	1	12	68	23	10	...	...	...	...	4430
Redlands.....	G. H. Wilkinson.....	1	48	...	48	18	13	19	2	1	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	49	1	9	53	21	10	...	...	...	...	2755
Total.....		23	1717	1717	1717	1371	96	144	205	26	57	25	\$8841520	27250	\$10092	\$4100	47	26	801	25	240	1560	807	18	\$3887	\$5306	13846	\$107523		
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LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.

Finance.

Conference 1897.

NAME OF CHURCH.	PRESIDING ELDER.		PREACHER IN CHARGE.		BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.		FOREIGN MISSIONS.		DOMESTIC MISSIONS.		CHURCH EXTENSION.		EDUCATION.		AMERICAN Socy.		Exp. Del. Gen'l Conf.	Other Objects.	Total From All Sources.
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Los Angeles—Trinity.....	\$ 240 00	\$ 240 00	\$1083 34	\$1083 34	\$ 28 00	\$ 28 00	\$ 90 00	\$ 90 00	\$ 200 00	\$171 40	\$ 80 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 76 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 27 00	\$ 27 00	\$45 00	\$12 50	\$12 50	\$1204 93	\$3942 85
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" " West End.....	50 00	50 00	300 00	314 85	6 75	5 75	18 75	18 75	22 00	22 00	16 70	9 00	15 85	9 00	5 75	3 00	2 75	2 55	417 17	845 28	
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Cahuenga.....	50 00	32 85	300 00	201 70	5 75	5 75	18 75	21 25	41 70	10 13	16 75	9 10	15 85	2 60	5 75	3 60	5 00	2 55	51 70	339 68	
Gardena.....	20 00	10 85	130 00	77 50	2 85	1 35	7 50	4 30	16 70	11 00	6 70	4 25	5 55	2 50	2 30	1 05	1 05	1 05	27 45	142 85	
Downey.....	120 00	57 00	600 00	503 00	14 10	10 00	45 00	25 00	100 00	82 00	40 00	20 00	38 00	2 50	13 80	2 50	1 60	6 10	78 52	809 92	
Santa Ana.....	110 00	110 00	550 00	550 00	12 85	9 85	41 25	22 25	91 70	61 70	36 70	26 00	25 85	20 00	12 70	6 00	1 31	5 60	296 00	1100 00	
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Newport and Bolsa.....	30 00	30 00	160 00	142 00	3 50	1 15	11 25	2 25	25 00	2 35	10 10	1 10	9 50	1 22	3 45	1 00	5 00	2 05	1 00	69 00	
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Carpenaria.....	50 00	42 50	400 00	321 50	5 75	5 75	18 75	41 70	24 10	16 70	5 00	15 85	4 00	5 75	8 05	2 00	3 60	3 60	1654 65	216 10	
Pomona, Duarte and Azusa.....	70 00	38 80	500 00	256 95	8 20	2 95	28 25	6 00	53 85	12 55	23 35	9 65	22 20	5 00	8 05	2 00	3 60	3 60	1654 65	216 10	
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Lompoc.....	30 00	30 00	130 00	100 65	3 50	3 50	11 25	3 60	25 00	6 50	10 00	2 65	9 50	1 41	3 45	1 00	1 25	1 55	50	218 90	
Redlands.....	30 00	30 00	250 00	250 00	3 50	3 50	11 25	12 00	25 00	25 00	10 00	10 00	9 50	10 00	3 45	3 50	1 25	1 55	226 53	573 30	
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Total last year.....	1200 00	1056 51	6974 30	6022 75	129 50	108 85	368 94	254 89	1566 10	674 20	252 75	174 45	238 75	174 20	30 95	32 00	59 35	37 77	25 82	5639 00	24031 57
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ARIZONA DISTRICT.

Memberships, Baptisms, Church Property, Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools.

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RECAPITULATION.

Los Angeles District.....	23	1717	1571	96	144	205	26	37	25	25	\$88,415	20	\$27,250	\$10,902	\$1100 47	26	801	25	240	1560	807 18	\$58 87	\$53 06	158 46	\$1075 23
Arizona District.....	1	510	510	24	43	77	9	6	15	5	20,150	4	4,850	115	366 25	8	108	9	55	451	180 06	7 00	25 00	221 94	437 40
Total.....	24	2227	2041	120	187	282	35	63	40	30	108,565	24	\$32,100	\$11,017	\$1456 72	29	909	34	265	2011	987 24	\$65 87	\$78 06	380 40	\$1512 63
Total last year.....	21	2175	3 2178	2207	174	201	209	67	68	33	29 94,960	24	33,850	10,602	10,644 71	24	724	27	241	1651	916 18	70 07	65 47	411 14	1504 10
Increase.....	3	52	49	73	32	5	7	1	136 36	415	6177 99	5	185	7	51	360	71 06	12 59	8 53	
Decrease.....	14	3750	4 20	60 74	

Conference 1897.

Finance.

ARIZONA DISTRICT.

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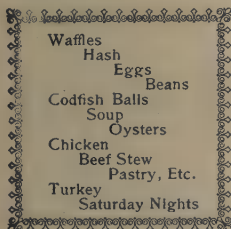
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JOURNAL.

The Los Angeles Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in its twenty-ninth session in the church at Downey, California, at 9 a.m. Thursday, September 22d, 1898.

Bishop E. R. Hendrix in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Bishop.

R. A. Rowland, secretary of last Conference, called the roll as follows:

Clerical—Abram Adams, J. W. Allen, A. Adkisson, Rufus Balaam (on trial), W. W. Brunk (on trial), H. C. Christian, T. L. Duke, Wade Hamilton, A. V. Harbin, E. J. Harper, James Healey, L. J. Hedgpeth, C. W. Hoag, J. J. N. Kenney, C. L. McCausland (on trial), Q. A. Oats, C. S. Perry, R. A. Rowland, M. B. Sharbrough, J. T. Thornton, S. W. Walker, J. M. Weems, W. L. Whisnant, C. C. Wright.

Lay Delegates, Arizona District—R. Moores, J. A. R. Irvine, L. P. Hedgpeth, Rev. R. E. Wright.

Alternates—G. J. Smith, W. H. Smith, E. Wilson.

Lay Delegates, Los Angeles District—M. L. Montgomery, W. P. Brown, J. B. Glover, P. M. Daniel.

Alternates—Rev. J. M. Pirtle, B. E. Turner.

The following were present:

Abram Adams, J. W. Allen, A. Adkisson, Rufus Balaam, W. W. Brunk, H. C. Christian, T. L. Duke, Wade Hamilton, A. V. Harbin, E. J. Harper, C. W. Hoag, J. J. N. Kenney, C. L. McCausland, C. S. Perry, R. A. Rowland, M. B. Sharbrough, J. T. Thornton, S. W. Walker, J. M. Weems, W. L. Whisnant, W. P. Brown, P. M. Daniel, R. Moores, J. A. R. Irvine, L. P. Hedgpeth, R. E. Wright.

R. A. Rowland was elected secretary, with E. J. Harper as assistant, and Wade Hamilton was elected statistical secretary.

The Conference fixed the hour of meeting at 9 A.M. and for adjournment at 12 M.

The fourth line of pews from the front was named as the bar of the Conference.

On nomination by the Presiding Elders, the following were elected on the several Boards and Committees:

CONFERENCE BOARDS:

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State of the Church—J. J. N. Kenney, J. M. Weems, J. A. R. Irvine.

District Conference Records—A. Adkisson, L. P. Hedgpeth, W. W. Brunk.

Resolutions—J. J. N. Kenney, J. M. Weems, E. J. Harper.

H. C. Christian, who was not present at last Conference when the Bishop announced his transfer, and J. W. Bain, transferred from the Pacific Conference during the year, were introduced to the Conference.

Communications from the Book Agents, Boards of Education and Church Extension, and from the Dean of Biblical Department, Vanderbilt University, were read and referred to the proper committees.

Rev. A. L. Hunsaker, of Pacific Conference, and Rev. J. R. Kirkpatrick, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, were introduced to the Conference.

Question 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

H. C. Christian and M. B. Sharbrough, Presiding Elders, made their reports and passed in examination of character.

Question 18. Who are superannuated? The names of Abram Adams, C. C. Wright and L. J. Hedgpeth were called, they passed in examination of character and were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated relation.

Question 2. Who remain on trial? W. W. Brunk and C. L. McCausland made their reports, passed in examination of character, and being favorably reported upon by the Examining Committee were advanced to the class of the second year.

Question 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? The Bishop announced the transfer of Bernard Pos, an elder, from the Montana Conference. Bro. Pos was introduced to the Conference.

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? William Fletcher Oglesby, duly recommended by the District Conference of the Los Angeles District, and Robert Edward Wright, duly recommended by the District Conference of the Arizona District, were favorably reported upon by the Examining Committee and admitted on trial.

Question 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Rufus Balaam made his report, passed in examination of character, and being favorably reported upon by the Examining Committee, was advanced to the class of the third year and elected to deacon's orders.

H. C. Christian reported the death, during the year, of N. T. Thomasson, on trial in the class of the first year, and M. B. Sharbrough, J. M. Weems and Claude Thompson were appointed a committee to prepare a suitable memoir.

Question 5. Who are re-admitted? George H. Wilkinson made his report, and being duly recommended by the District Conference of the Los Angeles District, was re-admitted.

The Examining Committee of the third year reported that Bro. Wilkinson had passed an approved examination, and he was advanced to the class of the fourth year.

Question 7. Who are deacons of one year? A. V. Harbin made his report, passed in examination of character, was favorably reported upon by the Examining Committee, and advanced to the class of the fourth year.

Question 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? None.

Question 14. What local preachers are elected elders? G. H. Wilkinson being duly recommended by the District Conference of the Los Angeles District, was elected to elder's orders.

Question 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? Robert T. Forbes, duly recommended by the District Conference of the Los Angeles District, and Robert E. Wright, duly recommended by the District Conference of the Arizona district, were elected to deacon's orders.

Question 20 (resumed). J. J. N. Kenney, W. L. Whisnant, J. W. Allen, C. W. Hoag, S. W. Walker, C. S. Perry, E. J. Harper, J. W. Bain and J. T. Thornton, elders, made their reports and passed in examination of character.

Announcements were made, and after the doxology, and benediction by the Bishop, the Conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1898.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Bishop E. R. Hendrix in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by E. J. Harper.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

A communication from the Board of Missions was read and referred to the Conference Board of Missions.

H. M. DuBose, D. D., General Secretary Epworth Leagues and Editor *Epworth Era*, and R. P. Wilson, D. D., Editor *Pacific Methodist Advocate*, were introduced to the Conference.

The following resolution in relation to preservation of Conference Records was adopted:

WHEREAS, We deem it important that our Conference Journals should be preserved, and that the same should be deposited in some place for safe-keeping. Therefore,

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of Revs. J. W. Allen and E. J. Harper, be appointed to take this matter in hand, and

see that these records are preserved, and deposited where they are not liable to be lost or destroyed. (Signed)

A. ADAMS,
J. J. N. KENNEY.

Question 20. (Resumed). Wade Hamilton, R. A. Rowland, A. Addisson, J. M. Weems, T. L. Duke, elders, made their reports and passed in examination of character.

Q. A. Oats (represented by M. B. Sharbrough) passed in examination of character.

J. A. Wright, R. T. Forbes, R. E. Wright, J. J. Danks supplies, reported on the condition of the charges supplied by them.

Claude Thompson passed in examination of character, but not having appeared before the Examining Committee, was continued in the class of the second year.

C. C. Wright, a superannuate member, briefly addressed the Conference.

Question 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

Rufus Balaam, having satisfactorily answered the Disciplinary Questions, was, after an address by the Bishop, admitted into full connection.

Dr. DuBose addressed the Conference in the interests of the Epworth League.

Announcements were made, and, after the Doxology, and benediction by A. Adams, the Conference was adjourned.

THIRD DAY, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1898.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Bishop E. R. Hendrix in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by G. H. Wilkinson.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

M. L. Montgomery, a lay delegate from the Los Angeles District, arrived and took his seat.

Question 16. Who are located?

Rufus Balaam, at his own request, to attend school.

J. T. Thornton presented the following report from the Committee on Conference Relations.

We, your Committee on Conference Relations, beg leave to submit the following report: We recommend that C. C. Wright, A. Adams and L. J. Hedgpeth be continued in the superannuate relation.

E. J. HARPER, Chairman.
J. T. THORNTON, Secretary.

The report was adopted.

Question 17. Who are supernumerary? None.

Wade Hamilton, statistical secretary, presented his report. (See statistical tables.)

J. M. Weems presented the report of the Joint Board of Finance. (See Appendix A.)

Wade Hamilton presented the report of the Board of Church Extension. (See Appendix B.)

J. J. N. Kenney presented the report of the Committee on State of the Church. (See Appendix C.)

The report was adopted.

The Presiding Elders presented the following report on Nominations for Boards and Standing Committees :

Board of Missions—C. W. Hoag, M. B. Sharbrough, H. C. Christian, J. M. Weems, Ulrich Knoch, J. A. R. Irvine, W. P. Brown, Gus D. Harper, L. P. Hedgpeth.

Church Extension—J. W. Allen, Wade Hamilton, T. L. Duke, P. M. Daniel, J. B. Glover.

Sunday School Board—E. J. Harper, R. A. Rowland, W. L. Whisnant, G. J. Smith, Robert E. Wright, M. L. Montgomery.

Education—A. Adams, A. Adkisson, J. T. Thornton, R. E. Wright.

Epworth League Board—E. J. Harper, J. W. Allen, W. L. Whisnant, L. P. Hedgpeth, R. E. Wright.

Examining Committees—Admission on Trial: Wade Hamilton, C. W. Hoag, R. A. Rowland. First year: E. J. Harper, M. B. Sharbrough, J. T. Thornton. Second year: G. H. Wilkinson, J. W. Allen, A. Adams. Third year: J. M. Weems, C. S. Perry, L. J. Hedgpeth. Fourth year: H. C. Christian, C. C. Wright, A. Adkisson.

W. L. Whisnant presented the report of the Committee on Bible Cause. (See Appendix D.)

John Thompson, D. D., Agent of the California Bible Society was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interests of his Society, after which the report was adopted and the Committee instructed to pay over to Dr. Thompson the balance in hand.

A communication from Lane College was read and referred to the Board of Education.

J. J. N. Kenney presented the report of the Board of Missions. (See Appendix E.)

Question 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? The Bishop announced the transfer of J. W. Bain and J. F. G. Finley, elders from the Pacific Conference and R. Roy Sibley, an undergraduate from the N. Georgia Conference.

J. W. Bain presented the report of the Board of Education. (See Appendix F.)

Redlands, Cal., was selected as the place for holding the next Conference.

Question 3. Who are discontinued? None.

A collection, amounting to \$9.60, was taken to pay the deficit on publishing minutes of previous Conferences, and the Joint Board of Finance were requested to assess the various charges an amount sufficient to pay for printing minutes of this session. The Presiding Elders were requested to see that the amounts assessed are paid within 30 days.

J. W. Allen presented the report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals. (See Appendix G.)

Dr. R. P. Wilson addressed the Conference in the interests of *Pacific Methodist Advocate*, after which the report was adopted.

W. L. Whisnant presented the report of the Epworth League Board. (See Appendix H.)

E. J. Harper presented the report of the Sunday School Board. (See Appendix I.)

P. M. Daniel introduced a series of resolutions on the circumstances connected with the passage of the bill for the payment of the Publishing House claim of the M. E. Church South. The following substitute was adopted as the sense of the Conference:

Resolved, That while we realize the gravity of the charges brought against our book agents, as to methods employed in securing through the Congress of the United States the equitable claim of our Publishing House against the Government, and are very jealous that the Church shall be fully vindicated in the matter, and the agents be held to a proper and strict account, yet we are willing to leave the matter to the proper authorities, and believe that, in accordance with the assurance given by the action of our Bishops, the matter involved will be duly adjusted.

Time for adjournment having arrived, the session was, on motion, extended, in order to finish the business of the Conference.

E. J. Harper presented the report of the Committee on Resolutions, (See Appendix J,) which was adopted; and the Bishop appointed P. M. Daniel, of the Los Angeles District, and W. H. Smith, of the Arizona District, to act in conjunction with the Presiding Elders in relation to Church property.

A. Adkisson presented the report of the Committee on District Conference Records, (see Appendix K,) which was adopted.

The Bishop announced the following as the Joint Board of Finance: T. L. Duke, J. M. Weems, Joseph Hamilton, W. H. Smith.

T. L. Duke presented the following report from the Committee on Public Worship:

M. E. Church, South—

9:30 A. M., Love-feast, led by A. Adams.

11:00 A. M., preaching by Bishop Hendrix, followed by ordination of Deacons and Elders.

3:00 P. M., Sunday School Mass Meeting, addressed by E. J. Harper and G. H. Wilkinson.

7:30 P. M., preaching by J. M. Weems.

Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 11 A. M., preaching by Andrew Adkisson.

Christian Church, 11:00 A. M., preaching by C. S. Perry.

RESOLVED, That when Conference adjourns, it shall adjourn to meet in memorial session tomorrow night after preaching.

RESOLVED, That the Secretary be requested to issue, about two months prior to meeting of next Conference, blanks for names of subscribers to Conference Minutes at 10 cents each, and the Pastors are hereby instructed to give proper attention to this matter.

The minutes of this session were read and approved. After the doxology, and the benediction by Dr. Thompson, Conference adjourned at 12:40 P. M.

FOURTH DAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1898.

After preaching by J. M. Weems, the Conference met in memorial session. Bishop E. R. Hendrix in the chair.

J. M. Weems read the report of the Committee on Memoirs. (See Appendix L.) After brief addresses by J. W. Allen, C. S. Perry, M. B. Sharbrough and J. J. N. Kenney, the report was adopted.

On motion of H. C. Christian, the following motion was adopted :

That we tender to Rev. J. Thompson, D. D., California Agent of the American Bible Society our sincere sympathy in the loss of his only and well beloved daughter ; and pray that God may sustain him in the last days of his long and useful life.

The Bishop presented to the Conference the following certificate of ordination :

I hereby certify that in Downey, Cal., on Sept. 25th, 1898, I ordained the following deacons, namely: Rufus C. Balaam a traveling preacher and Robert Thomas Forbes and Robert Edward Wright local preachers.

Also at the same time and place, Rev. M. B. Sharbrough reading the epistle and Rev. H. C. Christian reading the gospel, and these with Revs. J. W. Allen and R. A. Rowland assisting in laying on of hands, I ordained as elder George Henry Wilkinson, a local preacher.

E. R. HENDRIX.

Downey, Cal., Sept. 25. 1898.

The Bishop announced the transfer of Christopher C. Black, an elder from the Pacific Conference.

Question 46. Where are the preachers stationed this year ?

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT—H. C. Christian, P. E.

Los Angeles Trinity—To be supplied.

“ “ West End—W. L. Whisnant.

“ “ Bellevue—T. L. Duke.

Cahuenga and Mateo—J. T. Thornton.

Downey—Wade Hamilton.

Santa Ana—C. W. Hoag.

San Diego—C. L. McCausland.

Escondido and Valley Center—C. S. Perry.

Menifee—To be supplied.

Balsas—To be supplied by J. A. Wright.

Newport—To be supplied.

Redlands—E. J. Harper.

Gardena—J. W. Allen.

Duarte—W. W. Brunk.

Azusa—Bernard Pos.

Pomona—R. Roy Sibley.

San Bernardino—J. F. G. Finley.

Ventura—To be supplied by R. T. Forbes.
Carpinteria—R. A. Rowland.
Norwalk and Ranchito—A. Adkisson.
Lompoc—G. H. Wilkinson.

ARIZONA DISTRICT—M. B. Sharbrough, P. E.

Phoenix—J. M. Weems.
Bethel—Christopher C. Black.
Prescott—Robert E. Wright.
Jerome and Verde—Claude Thompson.
Tempe—A. V. Harbin.
Skull Valley—W. F. Oglesby.
West End—To be supplied.

TRANSFERRED.

J. W. Bain—To Western North Carolina Conference.
Q. A. Oats—To N. Mississippi Conference.
S. W. Walker—To S. Georgia Conference.
J. J. N. Kenney—To Pacific Conference.
James Healy—To Pacific Conference.

After the doxology, and benediction by Dr. R. P. Wilson, the Conference adjourned *sine die*.



MINUTE QUESTIONS

1.—Who are admitted on trial? Ans.—William Fletcher Oglesby, Robert E. Wright.

2.—Who remain on trial? Ans.—W. W. Brunk, C. L. McCausland, Claude Thompson.

3.—Who are discontinued? Ans.—None.

4.—Who are admitted into full connection? Rufus Balaam.

5.—Who are re-admitted? George H. Wilkinson.

6.—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? Bernard Pos, elder, from Montana Conference; J. W. Bain, elder, from Pacific Conference; J. F. G. Finley, elder, from Pacific Conference; R. Roy Sibley, class second year, N. Georgia Conference; C. C. Black, elder, from Pacific Conference.

7.—Who are the deacons of one year? Ans.—A. V. Harbin.

8.—What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Ans.—Rufus Balaam.

9.—What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Ans.—Rufus Balaam.

10.—What local preachers are elected deacons? Ans.—Robert T. Forbes, Robert E. Wright.

11.—What local preachers are ordained deacons? Ans.—Robert T. Forbes, Robert E. Wright.

12.—What traveling preachers are elected elders? Ans.—None.

13.—What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Ans.—None.

14.—What local preachers are elected elders? Ans.—George H. Wilkinson.

15.—What local preachers are ordained elders? Ans.—George H. Wilkinson.

16.—Who are located this year? Ans.—Rufus Balaam, at his own request.

17.—Who are supernumerary? Ans.—None.

18.—Who are superannuated? Ans.—Abram Adams, C. C. Wright, L. J. Hedgpeth.

19.—What preachers have died during the past year? Ans.—N. T. Thomasson (on trial).

20.—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Ans.—The name of each was called, and their life and official administration approved.

21.—What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference? Ans.—Local preachers, 25; members, 2252.

22.—How many infants have been baptized during the year? Ans.—41.

23.—How many adults have been baptized during the year?
Ans.—59.

24.—What is the number of Epworth Leagues? Ans.—33.

25.—What is the number of Epworth League members? Ans.—1117.

26.—What is the number of Sunday Schools? Ans.—35.

27.—What is the number of Sunday School teachers? Ans.—

304.

28.—What is the number of Sunday School scholars? Ans.—

2017.

29.—What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? Ans.—\$600.

30.—What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? Ans.—\$617.55, applied as follows:

Mrs. W. L. Albright.....	\$114.45
Mrs. J. E. Miller.....	74.45
Mrs. S. M. Adams.....	99 45
Mrs. L. E. Clayton.....	50.45
C. C. Wright.....	99.45
A. Adams.....	89.45
L. J. Hedgpeth.....	89.45
Expenses.....	.40

31.—What has been contributed for missions? Ans.—Foreign, \$765.20; domestic, \$326.72.

32.—What has been contributed for Church Extension? Ans. \$246.70.

33.—What has been done for the American Bible Society? Ans.—\$26.84.

34.—What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Ans.—Presiding elders, \$1237.94; preachers in charge, \$8,765.28.

35.—What has been contributed for the support of bishops? Ans.—\$128.05.

36.—What is the number of societies and of houses of worship owned by them? Ans.—Number societies, 38; number houses of worship, 30.

37.—What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Ans.—Value, \$89,565; indebtedness, \$4,566.

38.—What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Ans.—Pastoral charges, 29; number of parsonages, 26.

39.—What is the value parsonages, and what the amount of indebtedness thereon? Ans.—Value, \$32,560; indebtedness, \$1730.

40.—What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Ans.—Number of districts, 2; number of district parsonages, none.

41.—What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Ans.—Value, none; indebtedness, none.

42.—What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage? Ans.—Number of churches damaged, none; amount of damage, none.

43.—What are the insurance statistics? Ans.—Insurance carried, \$58,000; losses sustained, none; premiums paid, \$447; collections on losses, none.

44.—What are the educational statistics? Ans.—Collected, \$91.

45.—Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Ans.—Redlands, California.

46.—Where are the preachers stationed this year? Ans.—See appointments.



APPENDIX

A—JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We submit the following report:

We have received from the various charges, \$447.55; from Barbee and Smith, Agents of the Publishing House, \$170; total \$617.55, which we apportion to the various claimants on this sacred fund.

Mrs. W. L. Albright—Paid to J. A. R. Irvine.....	\$114.45.
Mrs. J. E. Miller—Paid Rev. J. A. Wright.....	74.45
Mrs. S. M. Adams—Paid self.....	99.45
Mrs. L. E. Clayton—Paid self.....	50 45
Rev. C. C. Wright—Paid self.....	99.45
Rev. Abram Adams—Paid self.....	89.45
Rev. L. J. Hedgpeth—Paid to son, L. P. Hedgpeth.....	89.45

Expenses and exchange, \$.40.

\$617.15

Mrs. E. C. Knott relinquishes her claim.

We are much gratified at the favorable results of the five per cent. law governing this claim; and for purposes of information, and that no pastor may have excuse for not meeting the requirements of this law, we republish it in this report. It is as follows:

The assessment for the Conference claimants' fund, on each pastoral charge, shall be an amount equal to five per cent. of the aggregate claims of the preacher in charge and the Presiding Elder. In case the preacher in charge shall fail to collect this claim, he shall be held personally responsible to the Joint Board of Finance for an amount equal to five per cent. of his own personal receipts on salary.

We have received from the various charges on "Bishop's Fund," \$125.70, which we have remitted by draft to Barbee and Smith, Agents, Nashville, Tenn.

We have received from the "Book Agents" notice that an assessment of \$174 has been made on this Conference for Bishop's Fund for the ensuing year, which we assess upon the districts as follows:

Los Angeles District.....	\$130
Arizona District.....	45

J. J. N. KENNEY, Pres.

J. M. WEEMS, Sec.

B—CHURCH EXTENSION.

Your Board of Church Extension offers the following report;

Notwithstanding the dry year's lean and pale face among us, yet the collections, on the same assessment of \$500, as last year, have been a few dollars more.

The amount thus raised this year is \$243.80, half of which will be sent to the Parent Board, and the remaining half, together with \$36 from last year, which remains in the treasury, has been distributed to the following charges:

West End, Los Angeles.....	\$68
Prescott, Arizona.....	50
Bellevue, Los Angeles.....	40

On Thursday evening the Board, at the request of the Parent Board of Church Extension, held an anniversary in memory of our great and good Dr. David Morton, at which service a collection was started which has already reached \$314, and we hope will reach before it is closed \$1,000 for this Conference.

The Parent Board has assessed the Los Angeles Conference to the amount of \$500 for '98-'99, which we distribute as follows: To the Los Angeles District, \$380, and the remaining \$120 to Arizona District. We thus see that our total receipts are \$557.80.

J. W. ALLEN, Pres.

WADE HAMILTON, Sec.

C—SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCH.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—We, your committee on the state of the church beg leave to report as follows:

We have carefully examined the reports of the various charges in the conference, and find that we have in the Conference twenty-nine houses of worship, valued at \$89,565.00, and twenty-six parsonages worth \$32,560.00, and other church property valued at \$4,168.76, making a total valuation of all church property of \$126,293.76, with an indebtedness of only \$6297.00, which is a fraction less than five per cent. of the total valuation. This we regard as a very encouraging state of affairs as regards the property.

We notice a curious fact in connection with the above that we cannot account for. While there is no decrease in the number of churches and an increase of two parsonages during the last year, yet the reports show a decrease in total valuation of church property of \$25,388.44.

The amount expended this year for the improvement of churches and parsonages was \$2626.81.

We have a membership in the Conference of 2223, an increase over last year of 115.

We raised for all purposes the sum of \$19,399.28, amounting to \$8.72 per member.

We were impressed with the spirit of self-denial and consecration shown by our ministry, and rejoice in the fact that there has been some advance along spiritual lines, and earnestly pray for a baptism of power from on high upon the ministry and membership of our church and this Conference especially to the end that the ensuing year may be one of greater advancement than ever before in our history.

The perfect spirit of harmony and brotherly love that prevails among us gives us great cause of rejoicing, and may it ever continue is our earnest prayer.

J. J. N. KENNEY,

J. M. WHEAMS,

J. A. R. IRVING.

D—BIBLE CAUSE.

Your committee on Bible cause report as follows: There has been raised for this cause by the Conference during the past year \$26.90. Of this sum \$6.70 has been paid to Rev. John Thompson, D. D., the Agent of the American Bible Society on this coast, and the remainder \$20.20 is in our hands, subject to the order of the Conference.

By reference to paragraph 133 of the Discipline we find it the duty of every pastor to take a collection for this cause in each congregation under his pastoral care each year. The Bible is the Word of God; the entrance of it giveth light. Every one who can read it should have a copy. In view of this we offer the following resolution:

Be it resolved, That we pledge ourselves to increase our efforts to circulate the Scriptures among the people, and to assist the American Bible Society by our sympathies, prayers, and by taking the collection for its support ordered by the General Conference.

C. W. HOAG,

W. L. WHISNANT,

G. J. SMITH.

The Depository of the American Bible Society is at the Bookstore of Fowler & Colwell, 221 W. Second street, Los Angeles. They also keep a full line of Oxford and Bagster Bibles.

E—MISSIONS.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your committee on missions submit the following report:

We record our gratitude to God that the debt which has burdened our Board of Missions has been paid, thus making enlargement of our Foreign work possible, we trust.

We also note with pleasure the growth in Church Extension work, shown in communications from our secretaries to this Board.

We have paid in full all appropriations made by the Conference Board to charges in this Conference.

The total receipts for Domestic Missions is some \$29 above that of last year, which is a very creditable showing. For Foreign Missions we have to report more than \$100 less than last year, which we very much regret. This, however, is offset by Woman's F. M. Society, \$299.62; Home M. Society, \$776.36, making a total for the women of \$1072.98. The Conference raised for Domestic Missions, \$345.63; for Foreign Missions, \$675.32; total, \$1020.95.

Total from all sources for Missions \$2093.93. This does not include the amount raised for Missions by the E. Leagues, which would raise the grand total to at least \$2200.

We would call attention to the law enacted by the last General Conference requiring all our Sunday Schools to be organized into

Missionary Societies, and we urge all our pastors to see to it that the law is strictly observed.

We would recommend that our E. Leagues be urged to assist the pastors to raise the regular collections first, and afterward do all they can on special collections.

We would urge on our pastors the importance of early collections, that our Parent Board may enter the new fields opened to us by the recent acquisition of new territory by this government.

We have assessed the Conference for Domestic Missions the sum of \$500, as follows: Arizona District, \$140; Los Angeles District, \$360.

We have appropriations for the ensuing year to the following charges:

Bethel, in Arizona District.....	\$110
Newport, Los Angeles District.....	100
Duarte, " " ".....	80
Menifee, " " ".....	60

The Parent Board has assessed this Conference for Foreign Missions \$1400, which we apportion as follows: Arizona District, \$400; Los Angeles District, \$1000.

Respectfully submitted, J. J. N. KENNEY, Prest.
J. M. WERMS, Sec.

F.—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

We are very greatly gratified to learn that the past year has been one of unusual prosperity in our institutions of learning. The General Board finds itself well established, out of debt, with a well-defined policy, and in excellent working order.

We most heartily commend our Pacific Methodist College at Santa Rosa to the patronage of our members and friends, where the young people whom we entrust to their care and training will be under safe religious influence as well as instruction.

The General Board notifies us of an assessment of \$47.00 on this Conference, which we trust our pastors will observe according to the provisions of the Discipline.

We recommend that \$150 be added to the above for the support of our Pacific Methodist College.

We also recommend that some Sunday in May be devoted to the cause of education by each of our pastors.

The statistical secretary says we have \$92.10. We have received this year \$87.50. Paid to General Board \$21.87. Paid to Pacific Methodist College \$65.61, being an increase of \$8.85 over last year.

We recommend that Los Angeles District be apportioned \$137 and Arizona District \$60.

J. W. BAIN,
A. ADKISSON.

G:—BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

We, your committee, have had under consideration the following exhibit from our Publishing House for the year ending March 31st, 1898:

ASSETS.

Total business from all departments.....	\$336,804.69
Gain in assets for the year.....	50,027.27
Cash and sinking fund.....	216,653.93
The total assets are.....	898,858.24

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding bonds.....	\$ 225.00
Over payments on the part of customers.....	2,407.69
Amount on deposit by Sunday School Boards.....	680.39
Total liabilities.....	3,313.08
Capital as per ledger.....	895,545.16

We feel sure that this information will be appreciated by our people, and we have great reason to congratulate ourselves that we have such a plant for the promotion of the kingdom of Jesus Christ upon earth.

The power of the press is great beyond anything that we can conceive. How it can direct thought and mould character, who can tell? All admit this to be an age of literature and reading. Everybody reads, even little boys and girls read, but *what* do they read? Thousands of even children have been ruined through the use of the press in circulating obscene literature, giving low thoughts and thus degrading humanity. Hence just tell us what a little boy or girl reads and the character is at once more than indicated.

Bishop Marvin tells us in his "Doctrinal Integrity of Methodism:" "Tell me what a man believes and how strongly he believes it, and I will tell you all the rest—his history, character and destiny." If there is declension in the church anywhere in piety or fidelity to any great extent we may reasonably ask the question, is our literature circulated and read?

We have many good books published by the House, and they ought to be read by our people. Also we have excellent periodicals. Some, or all of them, ought to be in the homes of our people according as their means will permit, especially if we expect them to develop characters such as can be used in the great aggressive movement in the interest of Christ's Kingdom.

We would emphasize and call special attention to the following:

The Review, edited by Dr. Tigert; *The Christian Advocate*, the general organ of the church, edited by Dr. Hoss; *The Epworth Era* for Leaguers, edited by Dr. DuBose; the Sunday School literature edited by Dr. Atkins; *The Missionary Review* and *The World for Christ*, edited by Dr. Lambuth. All these periodicals are published by our House in Nashville, Tenn., and they are as good as the best published by any other church. And we should

see to it that our people have an opportunity (all of them) to examine and take them. The prices range from ten cents up to \$2.50 per annum.

Last, but not least by any means, is *The Pacific Methodist Advocate*, published in San Francisco, 1170 Market street at \$2.00 a year, and edited by Dr. Wilson. This paper, which is *ours*, in representing all of our special interests on this coast, has been, and is, indispensable to our work. The policy of this organ has been conservative and wise. Where it is read and kept in the home we may feel sure of increased interest in all the work of the church. The paper at this time needs every dollar due, and many new subscriptions. Therefore,

Resolved, That we do most heartily commend this, our organ to every family in our Conference, and that we will be more earnest and diligent in looking after all of the interests connected with the same.

S. W. WALKER,
J. W. ALLEN,
ROBT. E. WRIGHT,
J. M. WEEMS.

H.—EPWORTH LEAGUE.

We are glad to find an increase of 172 members in our Leagues. We would urge all our preachers to emphasize the course of study, thus bringing our young people in touch with the helpful and elevating books that make up the course of study.

The course of reading for the coming year is, we think, equal to those of other years in point of interest and usefulness and we earnestly urge our Leagues to provide themselves with one or more sets and study them in connection with the supplemental reading to be given in the *Epworth Era*.

We note with pleasure the great improvement in the editorial management and general make-up of the *Epworth Era*, and also the increased circulation of the same among our young people.

We are delighted to have with us our League Secretary and former co-laborer on this coast, Rev. H. M. DuBose, D. D., and pledge him our hearty co-operation in the great work which he represents.

We are glad to note that our Leagues are becoming interested in the great cause of missions and are promptly responding to the call of the church to raise moneys and to disseminate missionary information.

E. J. HARPER, Chairman.

I.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Sunday School Board notes with pleasure that the reports from our pastors indicate a healthy growth in our Sunday Schools.

Many of our pastors and superintendents have obeyed the new law of the church and organized their schools into missionary so-

cieties. We urge that each pastor see to it that his Sunday Schools be immediately so organized if it has not been done. Much information on missions may be thus imparted and a goodly sum be raised for this great work.

We notice with pleasure the great improvement in our Sunday School paper, the *Children's Visitor*. Dr. Atkins is sending out a Sunday School literature equal to the best. We urge our pastors to see that the *Children's Visitor* and the *Magazine* for teachers be taken in all schools. This magazine is of great assistance to a teacher and is full of the best thought and vital suggestions.

The written examination at the close of each quarter is a new thing in Sunday School work. We deem it a wise departure from old methods and urge its universal adoption.

Quite a number of new mission schools have been opened up during the year. This has caused a great demand upon your Board for funds—nearly twice as much money being asked for as we had to give.

We regret to say that the collections on Children's Day show a small decrease despite the fact that this Board furnished each school free programs for the observance of the day. We earnestly desire each school to prepare early for the proper observance this year of Children's Day—take a collection and forward the same to the treasurer of this Board. No pastor or Sunday School superintendent has a right to use money collected on this occasion for any other purpose. We have received from collections this year (\$67.57) sixty-seven dollars and fifty-seven cents. Ten per centum of this has been forwarded to the General Sunday School Board, and ten per cent. to the Conference Board of Education. We had in our hands from last year (\$17.08) seventeen dollars and eight cents.

From total amount in our hands for disbursement we have made the following appropriations:

For programs for 1899.....	\$15.00
To Menifee.....	9.00
To Pomona.....	7.50
To Prescott Mission.....	5.00
To Mateo street.....	10.00
To Newsboys' Home.....	10.00
To Lompoc.....	14.00

The remainder we shall use for the expenses of the Board.

We will gladly furnish each school with programs gratis and urge each pastor to write us early the number he may desire.

E. J. HARPER,
R. A. ROWLAND,
S. W. WALKER.

J.—RESOLUTIONS.

Your committee on resolutions desire to submit the following report:

1st. WHEREAS, The Discipline makes it the duty of every

Annual Conference to take account of all church property and to see that the same is legally secured to the M. E. Church, South, be it

Resolved, That this Conference request the Bishop to appoint a committee of two to act with the presiding elders in securing for permanent record on the minutes of this Conference the following facts:

Name; location and value of each church, parsonage and other church property, real or otherwise, that belongs to our church in the bounds of this Conference; also the place, book and page where papers are recorded; who (name and address) holds them at present; the company in which insured, giving amount of policy and premiums; whether the deeds contain the "trust clause," and any other facts that may be useful for further information.

2nd. WHEREAS, The Los Angeles City Union of Epworth Leagues has passed resolutions inviting the International Epworth League Conference to hold its next biennial session at Los Angeles; therefore,

Resolved, By the members of the Los Angeles Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, assembled at Downey, California, that we cordially invite the International Epworth League Conference to hold its session of 1901 in the city of Los Angeles, Calif.

3rd. WHEREAS, The good people of Downey have given us such cordial and lavish entertainment.

Resolved, That we express our gratitude and high appreciation of their kindness and pray that the good Lord may abundantly bless them and lead them in His way of peace.

4th. *Resolved*, That we reaffirm the resolution passed by this Conference several years since, requiring the committees on examinations to conduct their examinations in writing; also that no examination shall be considered approved unless the candidate shall have a general percentage of 75 per cent., and that anything below 60 per cent. upon any one study shall be considered a failure.

Further, that a copy of this resolution shall be printed each year in the Minutes just below the list of examining committees.

5th. *Resolved*, That we record our sincere thanks to Almighty God for the foretokens of universal peace given to the world by the recent utterance of the Czar of Russia; that we pray earnestly that the time may quickly come when peace will reign on earth and there will be good will among all men; that we request the President of the United States to take proper steps to co-operate with the Czar of Russia and the other nations of the earth in bringing about this time of universal peace, that we earnestly desire that the time may quickly come of which the poet sings :

"When the war drum shall throb no longer,
And the battle flag be furled;
In the parliament of man
The federation of the world."

K.—DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORD.

We have examined the Arizona District record and find that it has some minor defects. It is well written, but there are no marginal annotations; and it does not tell us what session it was, whether tenth or sixteenth.

The Los Angeles District record was not before us.

ANDREW ADKISSON,
W. W. BRUNK,
L. P. HEDGPETH.

L.—MEMOIRS.

Rev. M. T. Thomasson.

In the middle of our last Conference year, there came to us from the Little Rock Conference, Rev. N. T. Thomasson, a young man in his first year on trial in that Conference, whose failing health compelled him to surrender his charge there, and seek for health and a field of labor on our coast. He was employed during the closing months of last year by the Presiding Elder, at Cahuenga, where he won the love of his people and made impressions for good.

At the last session of our Conference, it was thought best by his brethren, for climatic reasons, to assign him a place in Arizona. So, he was stationed at Bethel, where he served acceptably, until failing health compelled him to desist. He then returned to his home in Arkansas to die, which event took place at Prescott, that state, on July 18, 1898.

He was born in Georgia, but the place and date are unknown to us, as are also the circumstances and environs of his childhood and youth, save that his mother was a devout Christian, and his people were of the Methodist faith.

He was a man of fine mind and had secured a good education. In early manhood he chose the law as his life's work, but, later, became for a time connected with political journalism.

During these years, he wandered from God and the teachings of his mother, and became entangled in the meshes of sin. His sinful life was a source of great sorrow to his mother, and broke her heart with grief. But through all his wanderings from the right her prayers and the Spirit of Grace followed him, until, like the prodigal son of old, "he came to himself," and sought again the Father's house and forgiveness.

After his conversion, and after he had yielded to the Holy Spirit's call to the ministry, he sought his mother, put his arms about her, kissed her weather-beaten cheeks, and said: "Mamma, I have turned away from my sin, and have given God my heart and life, and He has graciously forgiven me. Will you forgive me for the sorrow I have caused you? And, I am going to preach the Gospel of Jesus as long as I live. Will my preaching the gospel do you as much good now and in the future as my sin has

caused you pain and grief in the past?" And the godly mother pressed her boy to her heart, rained tears and kisses upon his face, and said—"My son, my son, I praise the Lord and am satisfied."

From that time to the end he faltered not, but gave himself to his Lord and his Lord's employ.

Brother Thomasson was a companionable man. He possessed the Spirit of his Lord. In his heart was the law of kindness. He was a brilliant conversationalist. His reading was extensive.

Brother Thomasson was very fortunate in his marriage. His wife was a cultured lady and truly pious. A brave, faithful helpmeet, she was wise in the counsel and help she rendered him. Walking with God, and in fellowship with her husband, she won and held the confidence and love of his people. Their union was blessed by two children, bright little girls, aged about 3 and 5 respectively.

When Brother Thomasson realized that the struggle was in vain and that the end was near, he set his house in order, went back to his old home and kindred, made the best arrangements he could for the comfort of his wife and children, then quietly awaited the call of the Saviour.

His wife, in a letter to friends in Arizona, said "that for days before he departed, he seemed to lose sight of himself and his sufferings, and was consumed with a desire to bless and save others. Thus he talked and preached, praised and rejoiced up to the very moments of dissolution, and died bearing the certain and definite testimony that eternal life was his inheritance."

Truly, a good man has fallen. Earth is better because of his having lived in it, heaven is richer because of his removal thither. Thank the good Lord, "our people die well."

M. B. SHARBROUGH, Chairman.

J. M. WEEMS, Secretary.



Synopsis of the Minutes

OF THE

Woman's Home Mission Society

LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE, M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH



The fourteenth annual session of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society of the M. E. Church, South, met in Downey, Los Angeles County, September 22, 1898, at 2 P. M.

Sessions of the society were opened with devotional exercises, led respectively on Thursday and Friday by Mrs. McGauhey and Mrs. M. Wolfskill. Mrs. J. F. G. Finley acted as President *pro tem.*, in the absence of the President. During the session, the following auxiliaries were represented by delegate or report: Bellevue Avenue, Cahuenga, Carpenteria, Downey, Mateo, Phoenix, Redlands, San Bernardino, Santa Ana, Trinity, West End.

Three officers and thirteen delegates, or alternates, answered to name at roll call.

Mrs. Lida Crawford, of Downey, welcomed the society to the hearts and homes of the people of that hospitable little city. The response, by Mrs. Tucker, of Mateo, to this cordial greeting voiced the appreciation of all visitors. The following Committees were elected—the chairman of each only is named: *Finance*, Mrs. Mosier; *Publication*, Mrs. McGauhey; *Resolutions*, Mrs. Wolfskill; *Extension of Work*, Mrs. Tucker. Mrs. Ardis entertained the society with a vocal solo. The report of Tempe Auxiliary came into the society too late to be read at either session.

Mrs. Cave, of San Bernardino, sent a paper to be read, "Working with God,"—spiritual, practical, beautiful. Mrs. Mosier, of Santa Ana, read another, a sympathetic tender appeal, "For Christ as He Comes to Each of us in our Work."

Mrs. C. P. Brown, Conference Organizer, reported three societies changed from an "Aid" to a "Home Mission Society." Report of "City Mission" work, under the auspices of this society was read by Mrs. P. O. Clayton, president of the Executive Board of City Missions, Los Angeles. The Executive Committee had held nine meetings during the year and reported a little work done. A Chinese Mission room in Los Angeles, furnished, with a part of the rent paid, was offered to our church, should it elect to accept and conduct the Chinese work there. The report elicited much discussion. Under existing circumstances, it was decided that, unaided, we could not furnish paid teachers for that work; but the

president of the Executive of City Missions was requested to communicate at once with Mrs. Hargrove, general superintendent for the purpose of getting assistance from the Central Board. In order to keep the Mission open, and to defray the immediate necessary expenses to keep the Mission open, \$13.25 was pledged. Mrs. Wolfskill volunteered to take charge temporarily, to enable the committee to communicate with the Central Board. Mrs. C. P. Brown volunteered to assist, and Mrs. Cumpston offered herself on the altar of service.

• Mrs. Wolfskill brought greetings from the W. F. M. S.

Mrs. Uptegrove, visiting member from Texas, was introduced and spoke of the work there.

Application for aid was received from Bellevue Avenue, Los Angeles City, California; Prescott, Arizona, and Duarte, Los Angeles County, California. Bellevue Avenue was granted a donation of \$52, when the Conference rules governing the same shall have been complied with. A donation to Prescott, Arizona, was also granted under same conditions as above, and each subject to the approval of the Central Board. Duarte was not assisted this year.

Committee on Resolutions presented resolutions: thanking the people of Downey for their loving hospitality, the brethren for their wise counsel and courtesy, and making the ratio of representation to the Annual Conference meeting one delegate (exclusive of the Corresponding Secretary of each Auxiliary) for every ten members and fraction thereof. These were unanimously adopted.

The fourth resolution, requiring 25 cents *per capita* of adult members of the Society, to be used as a Conference Contingent Fund, was reduced to 10 cents *per capita*. Resolution in "memoriam" of the two bright lights of the W. H. M. S., Miss Lucinda B. Helm and Rev. David Morton, D. D., removed to the heavenly mansions was also passed.

Rev. Adkisson's baby box was received and opened, contents 43 cents. Mrs. Hill reported one new subscriber to *Our Homes*. Committee on Extension of Work reported, advising to concentrate funds and energy on *one* Mission in Los Angeles City.

Adjourned.

(MRS.) E. R. MEANS,

Recording Secretary.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 22, 1898.

	During Year.	In- crease.	De- crease.
Total number of adult auxiliaries.....	12	2	2
Total number of adult members.....	178		
Total number added during year.....	18		
Number of meetings held during year.....	106		
Number of Auxiliaries that held every meeting during year	3		
Number of Auxiliaries that held no meetings during year...	2		
Average attendance during year.....	583		
Total number on Baby Roll.....	36	5	
Number of subscribers to <i>Our Homes</i>	79	33	

Number of subscribers added during year.....	33	
Number taking Home Mission Reading Course.....	12	
Number of Adult Mite Boxes in use.....	14	
Number pledged to systematic and proportionate giving...	31	3
Number of papers and leaflets distributed.....	816	124
Number of Annual Reports distributed.....	28	
Number of Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer.....	9	
Number of District Secretaries reporting quarterly.....	none	
Number of Annual District Meetings held.....	none	
Number of District Parsonages.....	1	
Number of visits made to Sick and Strangers.....	1386	
Number of visits made to Corrective or Benevolent Institutions.....	36	
Number of Cottage Prayer Meetings or Bible Readings held	59	
Number of garments in good order distributed.....	485	
How many cities have a Board of City Missions.....	1	
How many Auxiliaries represented in each Board.....	6	

MRS. P. O. CLAYTON, Cor. Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF W. H. M. S. FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 22, 1898.

	Dues.	Baby Roll and Mite Boxes.	Lucinda B. Helm.	Special Donation.	Work on Local Parsonage.	Adult Mite Boxes.	Value of Parsonage.	Local Church Work.	Local Mission Work.	Salary of City Missionary.	Relief of Needy.	Printing Minutes.	Week of Prayer.	Contingent.
Bellevue Ave.....	13.87				14.50			45.20						
Cahuenga.....	9.70			1.00	50.00			1.50						
Carpenteria.....	9.50	.04	.66		22.40		1100.00	40.00				.50		.80
Downey.....	16.80		5.00		3.00		400.00	137.40	13.60	10.00				.75
Mateo.....	3.95							1.93						2.50
Phoenix.....	19.90	3.77			25.00		1500.00	13.25			9.55	1.00	3.25	
Pomona.....	3.50													
Redlands.....	7.80		5.00			1.15		10.95				.50		
San Bernardino.....	14.90		2.50		5.00		500.00		1.50			.50		.50
Santa Ana.....	9.40				29.00			11.00	5.00				.45	
Trinity.....	38.05	10.98	6.34	5.85		.57	3500.00		27.65	10.00	5.15	1.00	2.80	
West End.....	10.95			.90	4.25				10.75				.60	.50

NOTE—Life Members—Trinity, \$25.00. Rescue Work—Trinity, \$2.65. Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund—Cahuenga (Hollywood), \$10.00. Value of Supplies—West End, \$17.70.

MRS. W. M. LEWIS, Conference Treasurer.

STATISTICS

Membership, Baptisms, Church Property, Etc.

NAME OF CHARGE		Loc'l Preach'rs	No. of Members	Total Membr's this year	Total Membr's last year	Additions on Profes'n Faith	Add. by certifi- add. otherwise	Rem'v'ls, de'th cer. & oth'rwise	Infants b'pt'zd.	Adults bapt'zd	No of Societies	Houses of Worship			Parsonages		
												No. of	Value of	Debt on	No. of	Value of	Debt on
Los Angeles District																	
Los Angeles, Trinity	2	410	412	378	9	52	27	11	1	1	1	26000 00		1	6400 00		
Bellevue.....		47	47	41	2	10	6	4		1	1	5500 00	1116 00	1	1500 00	600 00	
West End.....	2	93	95	100	3	7	15	1	2	1	1	2500 00	800 00	1	1200 00		
Mateo.....		44	44	47		3	6	2		1	1	1200 00					
Cahuenga.....	1	68	69	61	3	7	2		3	1	1	1265 00		1	1250 00		
Gardina.....	1	32	33	33		3	4			1	1	1000 00					
Downey.....	2	137	139	171	2	2	35	1	1	1	1			1	450 00		
Santa Ana.....	1	137	138	114	8	22	5	1	1	1	1	4000 00	2300 00	1	2000 00		
San Diego.....	1	71	72	91			34			1	1	10000 00	100 00	1	6000 00		
San Bernardino.....		94	94	90	1	11	8	1	1	1	1	5000 00	300 00	1	500 00		
Norwalk & Ranchito		88	88	67	7	20	6	3	4	2	2	1600 00		1	450 00		
Newport and Bolsa..	1	62	63	54	12	8	11		4	2	2	2000 00		1	500 00		
Ventura.....	3	48	51	34	6	15	4		5	1	1	6000 00		1	1000 00	550 00	
Carpenteria.....		50	50	53	1	1	5		1	1	1	6000 00		2	2300 00	31 00	
Pomona.....	2	54	56	52	2	15	10		1	1	1	2500 00		1	1100 00	160 00	
Duarte.....		98	98	50	23	28	3	5	13	1	1	1700 00					
Azusa.....		26	26	33			7			1	1	2000 00					
Val.Cen.&Escondido	1	66	67	68		8	9		2	2	2	1300 00		2	1000 00	500 00	
Menifee.....		35	35	47			12	3	2	1	1	100 00		1	400 00		
Lompoc.....	4	88	92	68	17	12	7		11	1	4	3400 00	50 00	4	1760 00		
Redlands.....		54	54	48	1	7	2			1							
Total.....	21	1802	1823	1717	97	131	218	32	53	25	26	73065 00	4566 00	21	27810 00	1731 00	
Total last year	23		1717		96	144	205	26	57	25	25	88415 00		20	27250 00		
Increase.....					1		13	6		1				1	560 00		
Decrease.....	2					13			4			15350 00					
Arizona District																	
Phoenix.....	3	154	157	158	11	26	38	5	2	1	1	12400 00		1	1750 00		
West End.....		47	47	44	3	3		1	2	1				1	400 00		
Tempe.....	1	53	54	49	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1500 00		1	1500 00		
Bethel.....		54	54	54						1	1	2500 00		1	500 00		
Prescott.....		55	55	52		3		2		1	1	2500 00		1	600 00		
Verde Val. & Jerome		54	54	52	2	2	2		1	4							
Skull Valley.....		33	33	34			1			4							
Total.....	4	450	454	443	17	39	42	9	6	13	4	18900 00		5	4750 00		
Total last year	1	510	511	470	24	43	77	9	6	15	5	20150 00		4	4850 00		
Increase.....	3													1			
Decrease.....		60	57	27	7	4	35			2	1	1250 00			100 00		

RECAPITULATION

Los Angeles.....	21	1802	1823	1717	97	131	218	32	53	25	26	73065 00	4566 00	21	27810 00	1731 00
Arizona.....	4	450	454	443	17	39	42	9	6	13	4	18900 00		5	4750 00	
Total.....	25	2252	2277	2160	114	170	260	41	59	38	30	91965 00	4566 00	26	32560 00	1731 00
Total last year	24	2227	2251	2041	120	187	282	35	63	40	30	108565 00		24	32100 00	
Increase.....	1	25	26	19			5	96						2	460 00	
Decrease.....					6	17	22			2		16600 00				

Missions, Church Extension, Education, Etc.

	FOREIGN MISSIONS		DOMESTIC MISSIONS		CHURCH EXTENSION		EDUCATION		WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY	WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY	AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY	Other Objects	Total from all Sources
	Assessed	Paid	Assessed	Paid	Assessed	Paid	Assessed	Paid					
1	\$ 200 00	\$ 140 00	\$ 75 00	\$ 46 00	\$ 76 00	\$ 40 00	\$ 29 00	\$ 22 00	\$ 114 85	\$ 179 95	\$ 5 00	\$ 1305 72	\$ 3392 12
2	30 80	30 80	13 00	13 00	14 80	14 80	4 20	4 20	29 73	79 90		116 25	622 31
3	30 80	31 35	14 80	13 45	15 85	9 35	5 75	2 50	35 80	52 50	1 50		586 30
4	22 50	18 00	9 00	9 00	9 50	9 50	2 50	2 50	15 05	6 95	1 00	6 63	275 11
5	27 80	21 05	9 35	8 50	10 60	10 60	3 65	3 65		11 95	50	216 82	531 77
6	13 90		4 65		5 25		1 85					34 96	109 26
7	100 00	24 00	37 00	16 25	38 00	4 00	13 00	6 00		127 50	2 11	8 80	741 31
8	91 70	61 75	33 70	25 15	32 00	21 00	12 00		38 00	71 00	1 00	292 00	1205 35
9	66 70	5 00	25 70	2 25	22 35	2 00	9 35		20 00			184 75	571 95
10	100 00	12 20	30 00		36 00		10 00					285 00	787 20
11	35 25	9 50	12 35	8 50	12 70	6 00	4 60		9 39		50		383 94
12	25 00	22 50	9 00	9 00	9 50	9 50	4 00	4 00				181 41	505 91
13	33 35	15 00	11 35	4 00	12 70	4 00	3 60	3 00	1 50			1 00	697 26
14	41 70	7 60	13 70	3 00	15 85	3 00	3 75	3 75	7 30	34 04		470 72	730 49
15	36 70	25 00	13 00	13 00	15 00	15 00	4 50	4 00			2 10	90 80	460 15
16	20 00	20 00	9 05	9 05	7 70	7 70	2 75	2 75				551 24	1077 48
17	20 00	20 00	9 00	9 00	7 70	7 70	2 75	2 75			1 00	66 40	426 36
18	20 85	14 00	6 35	5 00	7 35	5 00	2 00	1 00			1 00	28 30	252 90
19	25 00		8 00		9 50	50	1 50					23 15	163 70
20	30 00	20 00	10 00	10 00	11 00	6 00	4 50	4 00				241 80	710 25
21	30 00	40 00	11 00	14 00	11 00	11 00	4 00	4 00		65 90	4 00	186 90	1881 55
	\$ 1000 00	\$ 537 75	\$ 365 00	\$ 218 15	\$ 381 00	\$ 186 65	\$ 130 00	\$ 70 10	\$ 271 62	\$ 629 69	\$ 20 31	\$ 4351 70	\$ 16062 37
	984 75	560 48	402 00	202 15	374 35	145 52	126 35	63 65			82 60	5632 08	16521 39
	15 25			16 00	6 65	41 13	3 65	6 45	271 62	629 69			
		22 73	37 00								62 29	1280 38	459 02
1	\$ 148 00	\$ 140 00	\$ 62 00	\$ 54 00	\$ 44 00	\$ 44 00	\$ 18 00	8 15	\$ 25 00	\$ 146 67	\$ 3 10	\$ 506 50	\$ 2004 42
2	35 00		16 00		11 00		5 50						23 40
3	40 00	11 00	17 00	8 00	13 00	6 00	6 50	3 00			1 00	1 00	162 22
4	45 00	20 60	18 00	10 00	13 00		6 50	6 50				275 45	539 16
5	50 00	23 45	19 00	8 35	15 10	7 05	7 00	3 25			1 50	1 50	229 45
6	50 00	8 40	19 00	4 20		3 00		1 10			93		238 50
7	32 00		14 00									12 35	133 35
	\$ 400 00	\$ 203 45	\$ 165 00	\$ 84 57	\$ 96 10	\$ 60 05	\$ 43 50	\$ 22 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 146 67	\$ 6 53	\$ 796 80	\$ 3330 50
	400 00	244 75	200 00	114 06	125 00	68 05	60 00	16 00			3 45	1359 00	3952 20
								6 00	25 00	146 67	3 08		
		41 30	35 00	29 43	28 90	8 10	16 50					562 20	621 70

RECAPITULATION

1	\$ 1000 00	\$ 537 75	\$ 365 00	\$ 218 15	\$ 381 00	\$ 186 65	\$ 130 00	\$ 70 10	\$ 271 62	\$ 629 69	\$ 20 31	\$ 4351 70	\$ 16062 37
	400 00	203 45	165 00	84 57	96 10	60 05	43 50	22 00	25 00	146 67	6 53	796 80	3330 50
	\$ 1400 00	\$ 741 20	\$ 530 00	\$ 302 72	\$ 477 10	\$ 246 70	\$ 173 50	\$ 92 10	\$ 296 62	\$ 776 36	\$ 26 84	\$ 5148 50	\$ 19392 87
	1384 75	806 43	602 00	316 15	499 35	213 57	186 35	79 65			80 05	6991 08	21134 05
						33 13		12 45	296 62	776 36			
		64 29		13 43	22 25		12 85				59 21	1842 58	1741 18

Finance, Los Angeles and Arizona Districts

		PRESIDING ELDER		PREACHER IN CHARGE		BISHOPS		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS		
NAME OF CHARGE		PASTOR		Assessed	Paid	Assessed	Paid	Assessed	Paid	
Los Angeles District										
1	Los Angeles, Trinity	J. J. N. Kenney	\$ 240 00	\$ 240 00	\$1200 00	\$1200 00	\$ 26 00	\$ 26 00	\$ 72 50	\$ 72 50
2	Bellevue	C. W. Hoag	40 00	36 00	280 00	250 47	3 60	3 60	16 00	12 55
3	West End	W. L. Whisnant	50 00	40 00	300 00	242 21	4 75	4 75	17 50	17 50
4	Mateo	J. W. Allen	30 00	13 35	300 00	120 26	2 50	2 50	16 50	10 72
5	Cahuenga	R. A. Rowland	50 00	34 95	300 00	209 25	3 00	2 50	17 50	12 00
6	Gardina	R. C. Hendricks	10 00	3 50	75 00	70 80	1 50		3 50	
7	Downey	T. L. Duke	120 00	56 07	600 00	480 58	12 00	6 00	36 00	22 00
8	Santa Ana	S. W. Walker	110 00	110 00	550 00	550 00	11 75	8 00	33 00	30 00
9	San Diego	C. S. Perry	90 00	53 95	475 00	290 25	8 35	3 75	28 25	10 00
10	San Bernardino	J. W. Bain	105 00	60 00	600 00	400 00	10 00	5 00	35 25	
11	Norwalk & Rancho	J. T. Thornton	40 00	34 30	310 00	205 00	3 60	2 50	17 50	8 45
12	Newport and Bolsa	R. C. Balaam	35 00	29 00	275 00	234 50	2 50	2 50	15 50	15 00
13	Ventura	R. T. Forbes	40 00	38 00	325 00	317 65	3 60	3 60	18 25	15 45
14	Carpenteria	Wade Hamilton	50 00	40 40	400 00	282 50	3 75	3 75	22 50	14 15
15	Pomona	C. L. McCausl'd	50 00	41 75	300 00	253 40	4 50	4 50	17 50	12 50
16	Duarte	W. W. Brunk	35 00	35 00	300 00	466 74	2 25	2 25	16 75	16 75
17	Azusa	A. V. Harbin	35 00	17 10	300 00	292 05	2 25	2 25	16 25	17 00
18	Val. Cen. & Escondido	J. A. Wright	25 00	20 60	200 00	167 00	1 50	1 00	11 25	10 00
19	Menifee	A. Adkisson	30 00	14 70	250 00	124 20	1 00		12 50	1 15
20	Lompoc	G. H. Wilkinson	40 00	32 50	450 00	373 57	3 50	3 50	20 00	20 00
21	Redlands	E. J. Harper	50 00	50 00	630 00	630 00	3 50	3 50	34 00	34 00
Total.....			\$1275 00	\$1001 17	\$8420 00	\$7160 43	\$ 115 40	\$ 91 45	\$ 478 00	\$ 351 72
Total last year			1200 00	1002 31	7280 84	5805 26	138 35	100 30	446 90	272 65
Increase.....			75 00		1219 16	1355 17			32 10	79 07
Decrease.....				1 14			22 95	8 85		
Arizona District										
1	Phoenix	J. M. Weems	\$ 130 00	\$ 112 00	\$1000 00	\$ 865 00	\$ 21 00	\$ 21 00	\$ 56 50	\$ 79 00
2	West End	R. E. Wright	30 00	6 40	30 00	17 00	5 50		3 00	
3	Tempe	M. B. Sharbr'gh	35 00	21 17	160 00	100 00	6 00	5 00	9 75	6 05
4	Bethel	N. Thomasson	40 00	40 00	700 00	171 15	6 50	5 00	10 46	10 46
5	Prescott	Q. A. Oats	45 00	22 50	300 00	150 00	7 00	3 25	17 25	8 60
6	Verde Val. & Jerome	C. Thompson	45 00	29 20	325 00	186 20	7 00	2 35		3 10
7	Skull Valley	J. J. Danks	25 00	5 51		115 50				
Total.....			\$ 350 00	\$ 236 77	\$2015 00	\$1604 85	\$ 53 00	\$ 36 60	\$ 96 96	\$ 107 21
Total last year			350 00	275 70	2000 00	1731 80	42 00	27 50	150 00	93 70
Increase.....					15 00		11 00	9 50		13 51
Decrease.....				38 93		126 95			53 04	

RECAPITULATION

1 Los Angeles	\$1275 00	\$1001 17	\$8420 00	\$7160 43	\$ 115 40	\$ 91 45	\$ 478 00	\$ 351 72
2 Arizona	350 00	236 77	2015 00	1604 85	53 00	36 60	96 96	107 21
Total.....	\$1625 00	\$1237 94	\$10435 00	\$8765 28	\$ 168 40	\$ 128 05	\$ 574 96	\$ 458 93
Total last year	1550 00	1278 01	9280 84	7587 06	181 45	127 80	596 90	366 35
Increase.....			1154 16	1222 22		1 25		92 68
Decrease.....		40 07			13 05		21 94	

	Value of Other Church Property	Money Expended for Churches and Parsonages	INSURANCE STATISTICS.		Epworth Leagues	No. of Epworth League Members	Sunday Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars	Amount Collected for Sunday Schools.	Amount Collected for Missions	Amount Collected on Children's Day	Amount Collected for Other Objects	Total Amount Raised in Sunday Schools.
			Insurance Carried	Premiums Paid										
1		\$ 63 99	\$ 20400 00	\$ 100 00	2	95	2	20	168	\$ 105 69	\$ 18 13	\$ 9 91		\$ 133 73
2	\$ 220 00	43 00	3000 00	52 00	2	26	1	11	50	27 16	1 75	2 10		31 01
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7		125 00	2400 00	30 00	1	80	1	16	130	56 75	1 40	3 80	5 00	65 95
8	600 00	74 00	2500 00	54 00	1	26	1	9	101	55 00	25 15	2 85	15 00	98 00
9	600 00		9000 00	18 00	1	34	1	10	51	34 75		1 80	5 00	41 55
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11		62 00	400 00		2	78	2	11	85	28 75		5 70		34 45
12		70 85			2	58	2	18	100	37 50		6 25		43 75
13		44 00	700 00	18 00	1	6	41	25	78		80	2 65	1 65	30 73
14		252 15	3000 00	60 00	1	39	1	13	52	42 13	3 65	2 21	26 85	74 84
15		87 00	2500 00	18 00	2	40	1	8	49	20 00	1 97	2 22	24 19	48 38
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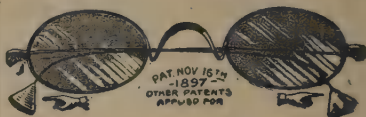
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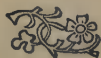
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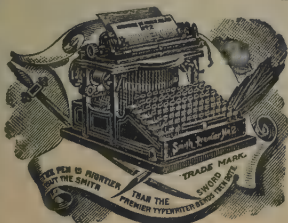
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Adams, Abram.....	1831	Alabama	1856 Transf. 1870	Sup'd	Savannah, Cal.
Allen, J. W.....	1847	Pacific.....	1869 Transf. 1870 Full..... 1871	E.....	South L. A , Cal.
Adkisson, A.....	1858	Los Angeles.....	1893 Full.....	1895 E.....	Hollywood, Cal.
Black, C. C.....	Transf. 1898	E.....	Duarte, Cal.
Duke, T. L.....	1836	Memphis.....	1858 " 1896	E.....	Pomona, Cal.
Finley, J. F. G.....	1853	North Texas....	1883 " 1885	E.....	S. Bernardino, Cal.
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Forbes, R. T	Supply	L. D.	Tempe, Arizona
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Healey, J.....	1855	Mississippi.....	1881 Transf. 1899	E.....	Lompoc. Cal.
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Hoag, C. W.....	1864	" from U.B.	1894 Transf. 1897	E.....	Downey, Cal.
Jones, J. L.....	1867	Columbia.....	1894 " 1899	E.....	Ventura, Cal.
Jones, J. P.....	Supply	L. E.	Azusa, Cal.
Knickerbocker, H. W.	1868	Louisiana	1890 Transf. 1898	E.....	849 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.
Lewis, L. O.....	" 1899	Prescott, Ariz.
McCausland, C. L.....	1864	Pacific.....	1897 Transf. 1897 Full..... 1899	D.....	San Diego, Cal.
McKnight, H. M.....	1851	Pacific.....	1878 Transf. 1899	P. E.	1006 S. Grand Ave. Los Angeles, Cal.
Perry, C. S.....	1848	Alabama	1880 Re-Ad. 1894	E.....	Valley Center, Cal
Pos, Bernard.....	Transf. 1898	E.....	Norwalk, Cal.
Raymond, R. R.....	" 1899	E.....	Newport, Cal.
Rowland, R. A.....	1853	Los Angeles.....	1893 Full.....	1895 E.....	Carpenteria, Cal.
Sharbrough, M. B.....	1853	Mississippi.....	1875 Transf. 1896	E.....	Redlands, Cal.
Thompson, C.....	1870	Los Angeles.....	1896 on trial	Phoenix, Ariz.
Thornton, J. T.....	1862	Little Rock.....	1880 Transf. 1883 Re-Ad. 1897	E.....	1037 Bellevue Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.
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Whisnant, W. L.....	1868	Illinois	1892 " 1896	Sup'y	1017 W. Fifth St., Santa Ana, Cal.
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PLACE	DATE	BISHOP	SECRETARY
San Bernardino	Oct. 26—30, 1870	W. W. Wightman.....	A. Adams
Los Nietos.....	Oct. 25—30, 1871	J. C. Keener.....	A. Adams
Los Nietos.....	Oct. 16—21, 1872	H. N. McTyeire.....	A. Adams
San Bernardino	Oct. 23—27, 1873	D. S. Doggett.....	A. Adams
Carpenteria.....	Oct. 28—Nov. 1, '74	G. F. Pierce.....	A. Adams
Los Nietos.....	Oct. 27, 1875	H. H. Kavanaugh..	A. Adams
Santa Ana	Oct. 20—23, 1876	E. M. Marvin.....	G. E. Butler
Los Angeles.....	Oct. 25, 1877	H. N. McTyeire.....	M. J. Law
San Bernardino	Oct. 30, 1878	W. W. Wightman....	M. J. Law
Downey.....	Oct. 22—26, 1879	J. C. Keener.....	M. J. Law
Santa Ana.....	Nov. 2, 1880	H. H. Kavanaugh..	M. J. Law
Carpenteria.....	Sep. 15, 1881	H. H. Kavanaugh..	M. J. Law
San Luis Obispo	Nov. 1, 1882	R. K. Hargrove.....	T. R. Curtis
Los Angeles.....	Oct. 24—28, 1883	R. K. Hargrove.....	T. R. Curtis
San Bernardino	Oct. 22—27, 1884	J. C. Granberry.....	W. B. Stradley
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Los Nietos.....	Oct. 27—31, 1886	J. C. Keener.....	W. B. Stradley
Los Angeles.....	Oct. 12—16, 1887	R. K. Hargrove.....	W. B. Stradley
San Diego.....	Oct. 3—7, 1888	C. B. Galloway.....	W. B. Stradley
San Bernardino	Oct. 2—6, 1889	R. K. Hargrove.....	W. B. Stradley
Santa Ana.....	Sep. 10—15, 1890	O. P. Fitzgerald.....	W. B. Stradley
Los Nietos.....	Sept. 2—7, 1891	A. G. Haygood.....	W. B. Stradley
Los Angeles	Sept. 14—19, 1892	A. G. Haygood.....	W. B. Stradley
Los Angeles.....	Sep. 27—Oct. 2, '93	O. P. Fitzgerald.....	W. B. Stradley
San Bernardino	Oct. 31—Nov. 5, '94	O. P. Fitzgerald.....	W. L. Pierce
Downey.....	Sep. 26—30, 1895	A. W. Wilson.....	W. L. Pierce
Phoenix	Oct. 22—26, 1896	R. K. Hargrove.....	J. F. G. Finley
Los Angeles.....	Sep. 30—Oct. 4, '97	R. K. Hargrove.....	R. A. Rowland
Downey.....	Sep. 22—25, 1898	E. R. Hendrix.....	R. A. Rowland
Redlands	Oct. 12—15, 1899	W. W. Duncan.....	R. A. Rowland

MINUTE QUESTIONS.

- 1.—Who are admitted on trial? Ans.—None.
- 2.—Who remain on trial? Ans.—Claude Thompson, R. E. Wright.
- 3.—Who are discontinued? Ans.—None.
- 4.—Who are admitted into full connection? Ans.—C. L. McCausland.
- 5.—Who are readmitted? Ans.—None.
- 6.—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?
Ans.—H. M. McKnight, J. Healy, J. L. Jones from the Pacific Conference; L. O. Lewis, Guyton Fisher from the South Georgia Conference; R. R. Raymond from North-West Texas Conference
- 7.—Who are the deacons of one year? Ans.—None.
- 8.—What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Ans.—C. L. McCausland.
- 9.—What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?
Ans.—C. L. McCausland.
- 10.—What local preachers are elected deacons. None.
- 11.—What local preachers are ordained deacons. None.
- 12.—What traveling preachers are elected elders? Ans.—A. V. Harbin.
- 13.—What traveling preachers are ordained elders?
Ans.—A. V. Harbin.
- 14.—What local preachers are elected elders? None.
- 15.—What local preachers are ordained elders? None.
- 16.—Who are located this year? Ans.—None.
- 17.—Who are supernumerary? Ans.—W. L. Whisnant.
- 18.—Who are superannuated? Ans.—A. Adams, L. J. Hedgpeth, C. C. Wright.
- 19.—What preachers have died during the past year?
Ans.—None.
- 20.—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Ans.—Their names were called one by one and their character examined and passed.
- 21.—What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference? Ans.—Local preachers, 24; members, 2313.
- 22.—How many infants have been baptized during the year? Ans.—29.
- 23.—How many adults have been baptized during the year? Ans.—109.
- 24.—What is the number of Epworth Leagues? Ans.—31.
- 25.—What is the number of Epworth League members?
Ans.—1004.
- 26.—What is the number of Sunday Schools? Ans.—30.
- 27.—What is the number of Sunday School teachers?
Ans.—267.
- 28.—What is the number of Sunday School Scholars?
Ans.—1835.

29.—What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers. Ans.—\$600.

30.—What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? Ans. \$475.55.

Mrs. W. L. Albright.....	\$93.80	Rev. L. J. Hedgpeth...	68.70
Mrs. L. E. Clayton.....	51.70	A. Adams.....	68.70
Mrs. S. M. Adams.....	58.70	C. C. Wright.....	78.25
Mrs. J. E. Miller.....	55.70		

31.—What has been contributed for missions? Ans.—Foreign, \$899.62; domestic, \$374.50.

32.—What has been contributed for Church Extension? Ans.—\$338.25.

33.—What has been done for the American Bible Society? Ans.—\$34.55.

34.—What has been contributed for the support of presiding elders and preachers in charge? Ans.—Presiding Elders, \$1344.90; Preachers in Charge \$10917.50.

35.—What has been contributed for the support of Bishops. Ans.—\$129.20.

36.—What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them? Ans.—Number of Societies, 36; Number of Houses of Worship, 31.

37.—What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Ans.—Value, \$105,000; Indebtedness, \$5,360.

38.—What is the number of pastoral charges and of parsonages owned by them? Ans.—Pastoral charges, 28; Number of parsonages, 27.

39.—What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Ans.—Value, \$30,510; Indebtedness, \$2,444.

40.—What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Ans.—Number of Districts, 2; Number of District-Parsonages, None.

41.—What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Ans.—Value, none; Indebtedness, none.

42.—What number of Churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm and what was the amount of damage? Ans.—Number of Churches Damaged, None; Amount of Damages, None.

43.—What are the insurance statistics. Ans.—Insurance carried, \$57,650; Losses sustained, none; Premiums paid, \$469.70; Collections on Losses, none.

44.—What are the educational statistics? Ans.—None.

45.—Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Ans.—Phoenix, Arizona.

46.—Where are the preachers stationed this year? Ans.—See Appointments, (Page 14.)

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The Los Angeles Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in its thirtieth session in the church at Redlands, Calif., at 9 a. m. Thursday, October 12th, 1899.

Bishop W. W. Duncan in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Bishop.

R. A. Rowland, secretary of last Conference, called the roll as follows:

Clerical—Abram Adams, J. W. Allen, A. Adkisson, C. C. Black, W. W. Brunk (on trial), H. C. Christian, T. L. Duke, J. F. G. Finley, Wade Hamilton, A. V. Harbin, E. J. Harper, L. J. Hedgpeth, C. W. Hoag, H. W. Knickerbocker, C. L. McCausland, (on trial) W. F. Oglesby, (on trial) C. S. Perry, Bernard Pos, R. A. Rowland, M. B. Sharbrough, R. Roy Sibley, (on trial) Claude Thompson, (on trial) J. T. Thornton, J. M. Weems, W. L. Whisnant, C. C. Wright, Robert E. Wright, (on trial) G. H. Wilkinson.

Lay Delegates from the Arizona District—L. P. Hedgpeth, J. W. McLean, F. Daugherty, G. W. Pattee.

Alternates—W. H. Smith, W. L. Osborn, E. H. Mowrie, T. R. Stewart.

Lay Delegates from the Los Angeles District—J. B. Glover, Ulrich Knoch, S. M. Adams, G. Clarke.

Alternates—J. L. Daugherty, G. E. Franklin.

The following were present: A. Adams, J. W. Allen, A. Adkinson, H. C. Christian, T. L. Duke, J. F. G. Finley, Wade Hamilton, A. V. Harbin, E. J. Harper, C. W. Hoag, H. W. Knickerbocker, W. F. Oglesby, C. S. Perry, R. A. Rowland, M. B. Sharbrough, Claude Thompson, J. T. Thornton, W. L. Whisnant, Robert E. Wright, G. H. Wilkinson, L. P. Hedgpeth, J. B. Glover, Ulrich Knoch, J. L. Daugherty.

R. A. Rowland was elected secretary, with Wade Hamilton as assistant; and J. F. G. Finley was elected statistical secretary.

The Conference fixed the hour of meeting at 9 a. m. and for adjournment at 12 m.

The third line of pews from the front was named as the bar of the Conference.

On nomination by the Presiding Elders the following were elected on the several committees:

Public Worship—H. C. Christian, E. J. Harper, J. B. Glover.

Spiritual State of the Church—J. M. Weems, R. A. Rowland, Sam M. Adams.

Bible Cause—E. J. Harper, T. L. Duke, Geo. Clarke.

Publishing Interests—C. W. Hoag, A. V. Harbin, W. H. Smith.

Resolutions—Wade Hamilton, L. P. Hedgpeth, A. Adkisson.

District Conference Records—G. H. Wilkinson, C. S. Perry, Ulrich Knoch.

Conference Relations—J. F. G. Finley, J. T. Thornton, J. M. Weems, C. S. Perry, Wade Hamilton, G. H. Wilkinson, C. W. Hoag.

Rev. P. H. Whisner, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension was introduced to the Conference.

Communications from the Book Agents, and Boards of Missions, Church Extension, and Education, were read and referred to the proper committees.

H. C. Christian read a telegram from Rev. F. D. Bovard, special agent of the M. E. Church for the abolition of taxes on church property in California, stating that he would attend the Conference and asking that a committee be appointed to take action in the matter. The following were appointed: H. C. Christian M. B. Sharbrough, J. W. Allen.

C. L. McCausland was appointed to receive moneys for publication of minutes.

J. L. Jones, Elder, transferred from the Pacific Conference, was introduced to the Conference.

QUESTION 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official character?

H. C. Christian and M. B. Sharbrough, Presiding Elders, made their reports and passed in examination of character.

QUESTION 18. Who are superannuated? The names of Abram Adams, C. C. Wright and L. J. Hedgpeth were called, they passed in examination of character and were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuated relation.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial? Ans. None.

QUESTION 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

C. L. McCausland made his report, passed in examination of character, and being favorably reported upon by the Examining Committee, was advanced to the class of the third year and elected to deacon's orders.

H. C. Christian reported that W. W. Brunk, in the class of the second year, had withdrawn from our church and joined the M. E. church.

Claude Thompson made his report, passed in examination of character, but not having appeared before the Examining Committee was continued in the class of the second year.

QUESTION 7. Who are Deacons of one year? Ans. None.

QUESTION 12. What travelling preachers are elected Elders? A. V. Harbin made his report, passed in examination of character, was favorably reported upon by the Examining Committee, and elected to Elder's orders.

The Committee of the fourth year reported that G. H. Wilkinson, Local Elder, had passed an approved examination. He made his report and passed in examination of character.

QUESTION 20 (resumed). A. Adkisson, Elder, made his report and passed in examination of character.

Announcements were made and the Conference was, after the doxology, and benediction by A. Adams, adjourned.

Second Day, Friday, October 13, 1899.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Bishop W. W. Duncan in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by R. A. Rowland.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

In addition to those present yesterday the following were in attendance.

Clerical—J. M. Weems.

Lay—W. H. Smith, an alternate from the Arizona District, was seated in the place of J. W. McLean.

A collection amounting to \$6.35 was taken for the purchase of Conference Journal.

Rev. F. D. Bovard, of the M. E. church, and Rev. H. W. Knickerbocker, transferred during the year, were introduced to the Conference.

QUESTION 10. What local preachers are elected deacons?
Ans. None.

QUESTION 14. What local preachers are elected elders?
Ans. None.

QUESTION 2. Who remain on trial? W. F. Oglesby and R. E. Wright made their reports, passed in examination of character, and being favorably reported upon by the Examining Committee, were advanced to the class of the second year.

QUESTION 20 (resumed). H. W. Knickerbocker, W. L. Whisnant, T. L. Duke, J. T. Thornton, J. M. Weems, C. C. Black (represented by M. B. Sharbrough), J. W. Allen, W. Hamilton, C. W. Hoag, R. A. Rowland, J. F. G. Finley, E. J. Harper, C. S. Perry, Bernard Pos, Elders, made their reports and passed in examination of character.

QUESTION 17. Who are supernumerary? W. L. Whisnant was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the supernumerary relation.

R. T. Forbes and J. P. Jones, supplies, reported on the condition of the charges supplied by them.

A communication from the President of the Paine Institute and Lane College, was received and referred to the Committee on Education.

An application for the restoration of the credentials of W. T. McDowell from the Quarterly Conference of East Point Ct. of the South Atlanta District of the North Ga. Conference, was read and considered. It was decided to grant the request. The minority gave notice of protest.

Rev. R. P. Wilson, D. D., editor of *Pacific Methodist Advocate*, was introduced to the Conference.

The Special Committee on Exemption from taxation of Church Property in California, reported. (See Appendix A).

Dr. F. D. Bovard then addressed the Conference.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, the time was, on motion, extended.

The report was adopted and the following were appointed a committee to act with similar committees from other churches: T. L. Duke, M. B. Sharbrough, C. L. McCausland.

A communication from T. C. Iliff, Superintendent of the Utah Mission of the M. E. Church, and others, relative to Congressman Roberts of Utah, was received and referred to the following committee: G. H. Wilkinson, J. F. G. Finley, E. J. Harper.

The Conference was, after the doxology and the benediction by H. C. Christian, adjourned at 12:30.

Third Day, Saturday, October 14th, 1899.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Bishop W. W. Duncan in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by J. W. Allen.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Wade Hamilton presented the report of the Board of Church Extension. (See Appendix B.) Dr. Whisner briefly addressed the Conference and urged the imperative necessity of all our parsonages being insured.

The report was adopted.

A. Adkisson presented the report of the Board of Education. (See Appendix C.)

The Bishop addressed the Conference on the importance of the Twentieth Century Educational Fund, and emphasized the necessity of personal work by the pastors to make this movement a success.

G. H. Wilkinson, President, addressed the Conference and urged the claims of the Pacific Methodist College.

The report was adopted.

J. M. Weems presented the report of the Committee on the Spiritual State of the Church. (See Appendix D.)

The report was adopted.

A. V. Harbin presented the report of the Committee on Publishing Interests. (See Appendix E.)

Dr. R. P. Wilson, Editor, addressed the Conference in the interests of *Pacific Methodist Advocate*.

The report was adopted.

G. H. Wilkinson presented the report of the Committee on Conference Relations. (See Appendix F.)

The report was adopted.

G. H. Wilkinson presented the report of the Committee appointed to consider the Roberts case. (See Appendix G.)

The report was adopted.

L. P. Hedgpeth presented the report of the Committee on Resolutions. (See Appendix H.)

The report was adopted.

Rev. L. M. Hartley, pastor of the M. E. church, Redlands, was introduced to the Conference.

J. M. Weems presented the report of the Joint Board of Finance. (See Appendix I.)

The report was adopted.

W. L. Whisnant presented the report of the Sunday School Board. (See Appendix J.)

The report was adopted.

E. J. Harper presented the report of the Committee on Bible Cause. (See Appendix K.)

The report was adopted.

J. F. G. Finley presented the report of the Statistical Secretary. (See Tables.)

QUESTION 45. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Ans. Phoenix, Arizona.

H. W. Knickerbocker moved to reconsider the resolution by which the credentials of W. T. McDowell were restored. The Bishop took the matter under advisement.

QUESTION 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

C. L. McCausland having answered satisfactorily the disciplinary questions was admitted into full connection.

The hour for adjournment having arrived the time was, by consent, extended.

On motion it was decided that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 2:30 p. m.

QUESTION 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? The Bishop announced the transfer of H. M. McKnight and J. Healy from the Pacific Conference; L. O. Lewis and Guyton Fisher from the South Georgia Conference and R. R. Raymond from the North West Texas Conference.

C. L. McCausland was, on motion of M. B. Sharbrough, added to the Board of Missions in place of H. C. Christian.

E. J. Harper presented the report of the Committee on Public Worship as follows:

Sunday services in the M. E. Church, South:

9:30 a. m. Conference Love Feast, led by J. W. Allen.

11:00 a. m. Preaching by Bishop W. W. Duncan, followed by dedication of church and ordination of Deacons.

6:30 p. m. Epworth League, led by J. L. Jones.

7:30 p. m. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and ordination of Elders, followed by an address from the Bishop and reading the appointments.

M. E. Church.

11:00 a. m. Preaching by H. W. Knickerbocker.

7:30 p. m. Preaching by J. M. Weems.

Notices were given and the Conference was, after singing "O! to grace how great a debtor," and the benediction by R. P. Wilson, adjourned at 12:20.

Third Day, Afternoon Session.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Bishop W. W. Duncan in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by W. L. Whisnant.

The minutes of previous session were read and approved.

Bishop Duncan, after explaining the law on the subject, consented that the matter relating to W. T. McDowell should be reintroduced and it was, on motion of H. W. Knickerbocker, seconded by M. B. Sharbrough, unanimously resolved that the question of restoring the credentials of W. T. McDowell be reconsidered.

The following resolution was then adopted:

WHEREAS, There has come to us a recommendation from the Quarterly Conference of the East Point Circuit of the South Atlanta District, North Georgia Conference, to restore the credentials of W. T. McDowell, formerly a member of this Conference, on the ground of the truth and consistency of his life in their midst, therefore be it

Resolved, That while we are gratified to learn of his upright walk among them, in view of the fact that he has left debts unpaid in California, we deem it unwise and hurtful to our Church to consider this recommendation until he shall have cleared up his record here.

H. W. KNICKERBOCKER,

G. H. WILKINSON.

G. H. Wilkinson presented the report of the Committee on District Conference Records. (See Appendix L.)

The report was adopted.

R. E. Wright presented the report of the Epworth League Board. (See Appendix M.)

The report was adopted.

On motion of G. H. Wilkinson it was resolved to reaffirm the following resolution in relation to church property:

WHEREAS, the Discipline makes it the duty of every Annual Conference to take account of all church property and to see that the same is legally secured to the M. E. Church, South, be it

Resolved, That this Conference request the Bishop to appoint a committee of two to act with the presiding elders in securing for permanent record on the minutes of this Conference the following facts:

Name, location and value of each church, parsonage and other church property, real or otherwise, that belongs to our church in the bounds of this conference; also the place, book and page, where papers are recorded; who (name and address) holds them at present; the company in which insured, giving amount of policy and premiums; whether the deeds contain the "trust clause," and any other facts that may be useful for further information.

Committee to act with presiding elders.—P. M. Daniel of the Los Angeles District; W. H. Smith of the Arizona District.

On motion of M. B. Sharbrough, the following were appointed to fill vacancies:

A. V. Harbin on the Epworth League Board instead of E. J. Harper, transferred.

J. Healey on Committee of Examination for class of first year instead of E. J. Harper.

H. M. McKnight on Committee of Examination for class of 4th year instead of H. C. Christian, transferred.

The name of R. R. Sibley, (on trial) was called. There being no report from Bro. Sibley, he was left without appointment, in the hands of his presiding elder.

QUESTION 3. Who are discontinued? Ans.—None.

QUESTION 5. Who are re-admitted? Ans.—None.

QUESTION 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? Ans.—None.

QUESTION 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Ans.—None.

QUESTION 14. What local preachers are elected elders? Ans.—None.

QUESTION 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? Ans.—None.

QUESTION 16. Who are located this year! Ans.—None.

QUESTION 19. What preachers have died during the year? Ans.—None.

QUESTION 29. What amount is necessary for the super-

annuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?
Ans.—\$600.

C. W. Hoag presented the report of the Board of Missions.
(See Appendix N.)

The report was adopted and J. M. Weems was elected to represent this Conference at the Ecumenical Missionary Conference to be held in New York City, April 1900, W. H. Smith was elected alternate.

Resolved, That the question of paying for publication of Conference Minutes be referred to the Joint Board of Finance, with instructions to assess the various charges a sufficient amount to pay for publication, credit being given those charges which have already paid.

Resolved, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 7:30 P. M. tomorrow.

The Bishop announced the following as the Joint Board of Finance:

T. L. Duke, J. M. Weems, Joseph Hamilton, W. H. Smith.
The Minutes of this session were read and approved.

Announcements were made and the Conference was, after the doxology and the benediction by Abram Adams, adjourned.

Fourth Day, Sunday, October 15, 1899.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment.

Bishop W. W. Duncan in the chair.

After the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper the Bishop announced that at the close of the morning preaching service, in the Church at Redlands, he had ordained Chatham L. McCausland, a Deacon; and that at the commencement of the evening service he had ordained Andrew V. Harbin an elder.

QUESTION 46. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

After an address by the Bishop the appointments were read as follows:

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT—H. M. McKnight, P. E. (1)	
Los Angeles, Trinity	H. W. Knickerbocker 2
“ West End	G. Fisher 1
“ Bellevue	J. T. Thornton 1
“ Mateo Street	J. W. Allen 1
Hollywood & Gardena	A. Adkisson 1
Downey	C. W. Hoag 1
Santa Ana	Wade Hamilton 1
W. L. Whisnant, Supernumerary.	
San Diego	C. L. McCausland 2
Escondido & Valley Center	C. S. Perry 2
Menifee—To be supplied.	
Newport & Bolsas	R. R. Raymond 1

Redlands.....	M. B. Sharbrough	1
Duarte.....	C. C. Black	1
Azusa.....	To be supplied by J. P. Jones	1
Pomona.....	T. L. Duke.	1
San Bernardino.....	J. F. G. Finley.	2
Ventura.....	J. L. Jones.	1
Carpenteria.....	R. A. Rowland.	2
Norwalk and Ranchito.....	Bernard Pos.	1
Lompoc.....	J. Healy.	1

ARIZONA DISTRICT—J. M. Weems, P. E. (1)

Phoenix and Bethel.....	J. M. Weems.	4
“ “ “.....	Claude Thompson.	1
Prescott.....	L. O. Lewis.	1
Prescott Circuit	To be Supplied.	
Tempe.....	To be supplied by R. T. Forbes.	1
Solomonville.....	A. V. Harbin.	1
Buckeye.....	To be Supplied.	
Payson.....	To be Supplied.	
Verde.....	R. E. Wright.	1

After the doxology, and the benediction by the Bishop, the Conference was adjourned *sine die*.

W. W. DUNCAN, *President*.

R. A. ROWLAND, *Secretary*.

TRANSFERRED.

H. C. Christian to North Georgia Conference;
 E. J. Harper to Virginia Conference;
 G. H. Wilkinson to Pacific Conference;
 W. F. Oglesby to N. W. Mexico Mission Conference.

W. W. D.

R. A. R.

APPENDIX

A—EXEMPTION OF CHURCHES FROM TAXATION.

Your committee on Relief of the Churches present the following report and move its adoption.

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of California, at its thirty-third session, two-thirds of all the members elected to each of the two houses voting in favor thereof, proposes to the people of the State of California the following amendment to the Constitution of the State:

SECTION 1½. All buildings used exclusively as churches and chapels, and so much of the real property on which they are situated as may be required for the convenient use and occupation of said buildings (provided that no building so used which may be rented for religious purposes, and rent received by the owner therefor, shall be exempt from taxation), shall be free from taxation. And

WHEREAS, There is being organized a united effort among all the denominations to bring this amendment to the favorable attention of the Christian people of the State therefore,

Resolved, That the Los Angeles Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, cordially approve the measure and will do all in our power to secure its adoption at the general election, Nov. 1900.

Resolved further, That the Bishop be requested to appoint an advisory committee of three who shall co operate with like committees from other religious organizations in securing the adoption of this amendment.

H. C. CHRISTIAN
M. B. SHARBROUGH
JNO W. ALLEN.

B—BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

Your Conference Board of Church Extension make the following report:

We have raised this year \$237.10 on an assessment of \$380 in Los Angeles District; \$73.55 on an assessment of \$120 in Arizona District; \$25.60 at our anniversary, making a total of \$336.25, which amount has been disbursed as follows:

To the Parent Board	\$163.65
To West End Los Angeles	75.00
To Mateo, Los Angeles	85.00
Incidental Expenses	2.25
Balance on hand	2.35

We have also raised on the David Morton Loan Fund \$134.10. \$132.35, to the Parent Board; \$1.75 incidental expenses. There remains an unpaid subscription of \$108.25. The assessments for the incoming year are as follows. Los Angeles District \$380, Arizona District \$120; total \$500.

JNO. W. ALLEN, President.

WADE HAMILTON, Secretary.

C—BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Your Conference Board of Education are very glad to report quite an advance in the collections during the past year.

We are very much pleased to find that very encouraging progress has been made on the 20th Century movement for the cause of education.

President Wilkinson made a report to the Board of the condition of our school at Santa Rosa, from which report we find that the college is making progress along all lines of work. Free from debt, the faculty increased, buildings and grounds improved, and a larger attendance than at this time last year, we feel that the conditions justify us in endorsing the request of the trustees for an endowment of \$50,000.

Realizing the need of Christian Education in this western land, where so many of our institutions of learning are under the guidance and direction of men who seemingly discount Christianity, we heartily recommend Pacific Methodist College to our people where they may educate their sons and daughters under good Christian influences.

We recommend an assessment of \$150 for the College.

We had various communications before us from the General Board for our consideration.

The General Board has assessed our Conference for incoming year, \$47.00.

We recommend that the assessments be apportioned as follows:

Los Angeles District	-	-	-	-	\$147.00
Arizona District	-	-	-	-	50.00

We are in hearty sympathy with the 20th Century movement and hope our people will heartily respond to the call for a thank offering of \$1.00 per member as asked for by our Church, for the cause of education, 20 per cent of which shall go to the General Board and the balance to be used as an endowment fund for Pacific Methodist College.

We would respectfully urge every pastor to preach upon the subject of Christian Education, at least once during the coming year, in his charge and use every means at his disposal to collect the assessment for education. And that he provide himself with subscription cards for distribution among his people.

We heartily recommend the "New Century Education," a paper published by Dr. Hammond, to all our people.

Respectfully submitted,

ABRAM ADAMS,
J. T. THORNTON,
ANDREW ADKISSON,
ROBT. E. WRIGHT.

D—SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCH

Your committee on the spiritual state of the Church beg to report as follows:

We learn from the reports of the presiding elders and preachers in charge that notwithstanding a partial failure of crops, following a total failure, substantial progress has been made in every department of our work. This we regard as an evidence of the self denial and loyalty of our people. Our pastors have passed through a year of trial, and the absence of any spirit of complaint on their part is an evident token of their love to Christ and loyalty to the Church. A few have left us—"They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us."

We have had peace and prosperity and are rejoicing in the manifest presence of God in our midst. We are glad He has set His seal to the preaching of His word, and that many sinners have been regenerated by the power of the Holy Ghost; and believers have been built up on their most holy faith. We believe that a large proportion of our members are growing in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We do not forget that ministers and people might live nearer to God and have more of His love shed abroad in their hearts. While we rejoice, therefore, in the success of the past, we would not neglect to urge more intense consecration to God, greater love to our fellow men, and more unselfish devotion to the work committed to our trust. Let us make past success the step to greater achievement in the future. Let us remember that failure is impossible, if baptized with the Holy Ghost and clothed with power we faithfully perform our duty"

Jehovah has said: "For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the

hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

"Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off." We humbly pray that we may more fully realize that it is our heaven ordained mission to spread scriptural holiness throughout our borders.

Respectfully,

R. A. ROWLAND,
J. M. WEEMS.

E—PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

We, your committee, have had under consideration the following exhibit from our Publishing House for the year ending March 31, 1899.

EXHIBIT.

Total business from all departments.....	\$350,416.29
From the above volume of business we have a	
gain in assets of.....	40,144.19
Cash on hand April 1, 1899.....	\$ 25,518.41
Nashville City and Street Railway Bonds.....	175,000.00
Postage Stamps.....	467.66
Total cash April 1, 1899.....	\$200,986.07

ASSETS.

Total assets March 31st, 1899.....	\$911,685.20
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LIABILITIES.

Outstanding bond.....	\$ 25.00
Amount on deposit by Treasurers of	
Sunday School Boards.....	3,233.42
Overpayments on the part of customers	2,557.99
On deposit.....	3,380.48—
Total debt April 1, 1899.....	9,196.89
Capital as per Ledger.....	\$902,488.31

We feel sure that this information will be appreciated by our people, and we have reason to congratulate ourselves that we have such a plant for the promotion of the kingdom of our Master upon earth.

The power of the press is great beyond anything that we can conceive. That our people are being influenced by the press no one doubts, but it remains for us to say whether this influence shall be good or bad.

Let us preachers and people not only cry down bad literature, but let us give our people a good literature.

We have many excellent books published by the House

and they ought to be read by our people, if we expect them to develop intelligent Christian characters.

We would call especial attention to the following:—*The Review*; *The Christian Advocate*, our general organ; *The Epworth Era*; our Sunday School literature; and *The Missionary Review*. All these periodicals are published by our House, and they are second to none of their character.

Last but not least, is *The Pacific Methodist Advocate*, published in San Francisco, Cal. 1170 Market St. at \$2.00 per year.

This paper, which is ours, is representing all of our special interests on this coast, has been, and is, indispensable to our work. Therefore,

Resolved, That we do most heartily commend this, our organ, to every family in our Conference, and that we will be more earnest and diligent in looking after all of the interests connected with the same.

C. W. HOAG,
A. V. HARBIN.

F—CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

The names of Abram Adams, C. C. Wright, L. J. Hedg-peth were referred to us for the superannuated relation. The cases of these brethren were considered and we recommend that they be continued in the superannuated relation.

The request of Bro. W. L. Whisnant for the supernumerary relation was considered and we recommend that it be granted.

J. F. G. FINLEY, Chairman.
G. H. WILKINSON, Sec'y.

G—ROBERTS CASE.

WHEREAS, A self-confessed polygamist, Brigham H. Roberts, has been elected by the State of Utah as a member of the National House of Representatives;

WHEREAS, We believe that the seating of said Roberts will be a menace to our American institutions and homes, be it

Resolved, That we, the preachers and members of the Los Angeles Conference, M. E. Church, South, hereby enter our protest against the seating of the said B. H. Roberts in the National Congress, and that we hereby petition our representatives, if the said Roberts is seated, to at once expel him from his seat in our legislative body.

That we urge our brethren where the Mormon elders are at work to send to Rev. J. D. Gilliland, Pocatello, Idaho, for tracts that will give our people information on the subject.

G. H. WILKINSON.
E. J. HARPER.

H—COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That hereafter the method of examining the candidates for admission into the Conference and all undergradu-

ates be left to the discretion of the respective Committees of Examination and have either written or oral examinations.

JNO. W. ALLEN,
A. V. HARBIN.

WHEREAS, The people of Redlands have so kindly entertained us in their homes,

Resolved, That we express our gratitude and appreciation of their hospitality and pray God's richest blessings upon them, and may they be led in paths of peace.

WADE HAMILTON,
A. ADKISSON,
L. P. HEDGPETH.

I—JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

BRETHREN:—We beg to submit the following report:

We have received from the various charges, \$459.80; from the Publishing House Calvin Fund \$6.00; total \$475.55, which we have apportioned to the various claimants as follows:

Mrs. W. L. Albright.....	\$93.80
Mrs. L. E. Clayton.....	51.70
Mrs. S. M. Adams.....	58.70
Mrs. J. E. Miller	55.70
Rev. L. J. Hedgpeth.....	68.70
Rev. Abram Adams.....	68.70
Rev. C. C. Wright.....	78.25

Total..... \$475.55

Mrs. E. C. Knott relinquishes her claim.

We have received from the various charges on "Bishops Fund," \$130.00, which we have sent by draft to Barbee & Smith, Agents, Nashville, Tenn.

We have been notified by the "Book Agents" that an assessment of \$200 has been made on this Conference for "Bishops Fund" for the ensuing year, which we apportion as follows:

Los Angeles District.....	\$150.00
Arizona District.	50.00

Also expense for Delegate to the next General Conference \$100.00, which we apportion as follows:

Los Angeles District.....	\$75.00
Arizona District.....	25.00

We are much gratified at the favorable results of the five per cent. law governing this claim; and for purposes of information, and that no pastor may have excuse for not meeting the requirements of this law, we republish it in this report. It is as follows:

The assessment for the Conference Claimants' Fund, on each pastoral charge, shall be an amount equal to five per cent. of the aggregate claims of the preacher in charge and the Presiding Elder. In case the preacher in charge shall fail to collect this claim, he shall be held personally responsible to the Joint Board of Finance for an amount equal to five per cent. of his own personal receipts on salary.

J. M. WEEMS, Secretary.

J—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Sunday School Board reports as follows:

Number of schools reported, 29.

Number of officers, scholars and teachers, 2082, being a slight decrease from last year.

We have received from the various charges on Children's Day collections \$73.86 and \$5.20 from Jerome charge from last year's collection.

Ten per cent. of this has been forwarded to the General Sunday School Board and ten per cent. to the Conference Board of Education.

The following charges have not reported: Newport, Duarte and Bethel.

From the remainder we have made the following appropriations:

For programs for 1900.....	\$16.00
Mateo, Los Angeles.....	7.50
West End, Los Angeles.....	7.50
Gardena.....	5.00
Lompoc.....	5.00
Menefee.....	5.00
Bellevue Avenue, Los Angeles.....	5.00
Solomonville, A. T.....	2.00

The remainder will be used for the expenses of the Board.

There have been raised for missions during the year in the Sunday Schools, \$191.75, and the whole amount raised in the Sunday Schools for all purposes during the year is \$1,085.00

E. J. HARPER,
W. L. WHISNANT,
ROBT. E. WRIGHT,
R. A. ROWLAND.

K—BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee on Bible Cause desire to make the following report. There has been reported to your committee the sum of \$32.95 as raised for this great cause, \$17.00 of this amount has been paid to Dr. John Thompson. The remainder \$15.95 is in the hands of the committee. This sum will be remitted to the Agent of the California Bible Society. We are glad to note an advance in this collection over last year.

However, some of the pastors have failed to take a collection for this important work. We urge each pastor to read paragraph 133 of the Discipline and to obey it.

We desire to call attention to the fact that next November will close the fiftieth year of the organization of the California Bible Society. This being the Jubilee year it is desired to raise a Jubilee collection.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that all of our preachers take a collection during the month of November and forward the same to Dr. John Thompson, at 1350 Franklin St., Oakland, Cal. This collection to be credited to each charge as its collection for the Conference year to the Bible Cause.

Respectfully,

E. J. HARPER.

L.—DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

We, your committee have examined the record of the Arizona District Conference and find it well kept. We suggest that if there were a proper heading for the minutes and headings for the various pages the record would be improved.

The records of the Los Angeles District Conference were not before us. We call attention to the fact that this is the second year that these records have not been before us.

G. H. WILKINSON,
C. S. PERRY.

M.—EPWORTH LEAGUE.

We are glad to report an increase in the membership of our Epworth League and progress in all her departments of work.

We believe that as God has always chosen and prepared His people for great works in accomplishing His purposes, so is He today laying His hand upon the English-speaking people, and through the various Young People's Societies preparing them for the accomplishment of great ends; and not less in value—as a factor for this great work—do we regard our *own* Epworth League.

The reading course for the coming year we deem especially fine—and especially do we recommend Bishop Keener's new book, "Studies in Bible Truths."

We have been delighted with our splendid paper, *The Epworth Era*. We appreciate the labors of our esteemed editor, Dr. H. M. DuBose, and pledge him our hearty co-operation in the great work.

In both Districts of our Conference District League Conferences have been held with great enthusiasm and profit. In these the work was generally stimulated, and especially were the interests awakened for education and missions.

While our numbers are small, as compared with great Southern and Eastern State and District Leagues, yet we are glad to note that our young people quickly catch step with all the great movements of the church and manifest willingness to do their part.

E. J. HARPER.
ROBT E. WRIGHT.
JNO. W. ALLEN.
L. P. HEDGPETH.
W. L. WHISNANT.

N—MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions submit the following report. We are thankful that, notwithstanding the drought which has visited this part of the State, we are able to pay in full all appropriations made by this Conference Board to charges in this Conference.

The total receipts for Domestic Missions is some \$11.69 above that of last year, which is a very creditable showing.

For Foreign Missions we have raised \$151.92 above that of last year.

The Conference raised for Domestic Missions, \$357.35; for Foreign Missions, \$873.12. Total from all sources, \$1,230.49.

We would again recommend that the Epworth Leagues be urged to assist the pastors to raise the regular collection and afterwards do all they can by special collections. We urge the pastors to take early collections for both Foreign and Domestic Missions that our General Missionary Board and also the Home Board, may meet the demands made upon them when they are due, without having to borrow money and pay interest which is so much money thrown away.

We have assessed the Conference for Domestic Missions the sum of \$500.00 as follows: Arizona District, \$140.00; Los Angeles District, \$360.00.

The Parent Board has assessed the Conference for Foreign Missions, \$1,400.00, which we apportion as follows: Arizona District, \$400; Los Angeles District, \$1,000.

On request of the Bishop and cabinet the following appropriations were made:

Menifee.....	\$150.00
Duarte.....	50.00
Azusa.....	50.00
Prescott Circuit.....	100.00

In compliance with the recommendation of the Parent Board, we recommend that a delegate be elected by the Conference to represent us at the Ecumenical Missionary Conference to be held in New York City, April, 1900.

J. M. WEEMS, Chairman.
C. W. HOAG, Secretary.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OF THE
Woman's Home Mission Society

OF THE
LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH

CONVENED IN

Redlands, Cal., Oct. 12th and 13th, 1899

Devotional exercises were conducted by the President, Mrs. L. P. Finley. After a profitable half-hour the regular business session opened.

The address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. Reed of Redlands, and touched a responsive chord in each heart. The response by Mrs. J. A. Pirtle of Trinity voiced the sentiment of all in her brief but well-chosen words of thanks.

Minutes of the two previous executive meetings were read and approved.

The "Refunding Bond," as prepared by Rev. J. F. G. Finley, was adopted, the bond always to be deposited with the Church Extension papers. An appropriation of \$65 00 was granted to Duarte as soon as the refunding bond is signed and the building insured.

On motion it was resolved that \$16.60 be retained for the incidental expenses of this Conference.

The first four seats were designated as the bar of the Conference.

The attendance at the sessions of the Conference was good.

The following committees were appointed:

Platform Courtesies—Mrs. Walton, Miss Gaylord.

Parsonage Interests—Mrs. G. F. Harper, Mrs. L. L. Clayton, Mrs. M. Cumpston.

Resolutions—Mrs. C. P. Brown, Miss Gaylord, Mrs. Scribner, Mrs. J. Wilson.

Memoirs—Mrs. S. E. Cave, Mrs. S. D. Brown, Mrs. Walton.

Finance—Mrs. J. R. Toberman, Mrs. Whisnant, Mrs. C. A. Brown.

Committee on Publication—Mrs. J. Wilson, Miss Ara Hunt, Miss Helsely.

Literature—Mrs. L. B. Harris, Mrs. J. A. Pirtle, Mrs. H. E. Sherman.

In the absence of the Conference Treasurer her report was read by Mrs. J. Wilson and referred to the the Auditing Committee.

Amount remitted of Adult Membership Dues.....	\$189.96
“ “ “ Baby Roll Dues.....	1.50
“ “ for Cuban Mission.....	9.89
“ “ for Week of Prayer.....	21.48
“ “ for Educational Endowment Fund....	14.55
“ “ from Mite Boxes.....	10.04
“ of Contingent Fund.....	10.35
“ expended on Parsonages.....	85.67
“ “ “ Local Church Work.....	256.55

The Corresponding Secretary made a good report showing that good work is being done. The report was accepted.

Number of Auxiliaries.....	13
“ “ Members.....	211
“ “ Life Members.....	2
“ on Baby Roll.....	69
“ Subscribers to <i>Our Homes</i>	80
“ taking Reading Course.....	38
“ pledged to Systematic Giving.....	38
“ Papers and Leaflets distributed.....	1119
“ Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer.....	7
“ visits to Sick and Strangers.....	1193
“ visits to Corrective and Benevolent Institutions..	139
“ Cottage Prayer Meetings or Bible Readings	59
“ Garments in good order distributed.....	271
“ City Missions.....	1

Solo by Miss O'Kelly, "I'll go where you want me to go," after which Bro. Knickerbocker led in prayer, Mrs. C. P. Brown in her sweet, unassuming manner made an interesting talk on City Missions, and also made her report as Superintendent of Chinese Mission. She suggested that pledges be solicited from each auxiliary to build a chapel in Chinatown. The ministers present endorsed the work in the Mission, also favored building a chapel if possible.

The Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, Dr. P. H. Whisner, was with us and made a few cheering remarks.

Reports from different Auxilliaries were read as follows: Trinity, Mrs. J. R. Toberman; San Bernardino, Mrs. S. E. Cave; Redlands, Mrs. Walton; Cahuenga, Mrs. C. F. Harper; Downey, Miss A. Hunt; West End, Mrs. Whisnant; Bellevue, Mrs. S. D. Brown; Duarte, Mrs. C. A. Brown; Santa Ana, Mrs. C. W. Hoag; Phoenix, I. E. Irvine; Carpenteria, no report; Tempe, no report.

Second Day.

Devotions led by Mrs. J. Wilson of San Bernardino. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

A paper by Mrs. A. Gosewisch read by Secretary, entitled "Auxiliary officers—how best to conduct a meeting," was well received.

The election of officers resulted in the following: Mrs. J. F. G. Finley, President; Mrs. Jennie Wilson, 1st Vice President; Mrs. Wade Hamilton, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. L. L. Clayton, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. J. F. Ponder, Recording Secretary; Mrs. W. M. Lewis, Treasurer; Mrs. Lida Crawford, District Secretary Los Angeles district; Mrs. J. M. Weems, District Secretary Arizona district; Auditor, Mrs. Scribner of Downey.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

FINANCE—WHEREAS, At our last annual meeting an assessment of ten cents per member for contingent expenses was made, we therefore urge the delegates to make this very plain to their auxiliaries and insist on the prompt payment of the same.

MRS. J. R. TOBERMAN, Chairman.

PARSONAGES—That there shall be a standing committee in every charge where there is a parsonage whose chairman may be the First Vice President of the Auxiliary, whose business it must be to report to the Auxiliary the condition of the Parsonage, and that this committee furnish to the pastor and Secretary of Auxiliaries an inventory of furniture and all belongings every year at the Fourth Quarterly Conference,

MRS. C. F. HARPER, Chairman.

Total amount raised by the different Auxiliaries that sent reports amounted to \$968.34. This does not include the funds for City Mission work.

MRS. L. P. FINLEY, President.

MRS. J. F. PONDER, Rec. Sec.

OFFICIAL MINUTES



Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE

Downey, California, May 17-20, 1899

[EXPLANATORY. Perhaps a word of explanation in regard to the condensed report of the W. F. Missionary Society in the Conference Minutes will be expected. For years we have felt the great need of published minutes of our annual meetings but were not able to meet the expense. At the meeting in May the plan of publishing jointly with the Conference Minutes was suggested, approved by our Conference and the Auxiliaries assessed to meet the expense of the same.]

Opening Session, Wednesday Evening.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. R. T. Forbes.

The welcomes were manifold, coming from Rev. Wade Hamilton, the pastor, from the Sunday School, Foreign and Home Missionary Societies, Epworth League and a class of boys and girls sang a beautiful welcome.

Mrs. Spurlock-Mayhall responded in fitting words in behalf of the Conference.

OFFICERS.

President.....	Mrs. Anna S. Wolfskill
Vice-President	Mrs. Lida Crawford
Corresponding Secretary.....	Mrs. C. P. Brown
Recording Secretary.....	Mrs. W. T. Field
Treasurer.....	Mrs. Jos. Hamilton
Auditor.....	Mrs. P. M. Daniel

DELEGATES.

Mrs. C. B. Mosher, Mrs. Glenny, Mrs. C. W. Hoag, Mrs. L. L. Clayton, Mrs. Emma Fulton, Mrs. Maria Butler, Miss Bee Adams, Mrs. L. P. Finley, Mrs. M. E. Fulgham, Mrs. S. M. Brooks, Mrs. G. A. Starkweather, Mrs. M. N. Mead, Mrs. R. M. Copeland, Mrs. Jacob Nauerth, Mrs. L. M. Tucker, Mrs. J. W. Allen, Mrs. ———— McGaugh, Mrs. M. W. Hughes, Mrs. ———— Aulton, Mrs. T. M. Gibson, Mrs. J. F. Ponder, Mrs. T. J. Kerns, Mrs. Spurlock-Mayhall, Mrs. P. M. Daniel, Mrs. Cate.

The business session opened at 9:30 Thursday morning, the President, Mrs. Anna S. Wolfskill, in the chair. Devotional exercises conducted by the President. Hymn No. 2, "Where He Leads I will Follow." Scripture lesson, Matthew 25:14-30—Parable of the talents. The chair appointed the following committees :

On Credentials—Miss Bee Adams, Mrs. Emma Fulton.

Extension of Work—Mrs. C. P. Brown, Mrs. L. P. Finley, Mrs. S. M. Brooks, Mrs. G. A. Starkweather.

Publication—Mrs. C. B. Mosher, Mrs. L. L. Clayton, Mrs. Jacob Nauwerth, Mrs. M. N. Mead.

Memoirs—Mrs. Spurlock-Mayhall, Mrs. Lida Crawford, Mrs. M. E. Fulgham, Mrs. R. M. Copeland.

Finance—Mrs. Joseph Hamilton, Mrs. T. M. Gibson, Mrs. C. W. Hoag, Mrs. P. M. Daniel.

Resolutions—Mrs. J. F. Ponder, Mrs. L. M. Tucker, Mrs. T. J. Kerns.

Devotions—Mrs. Maria Butler, Mrs. M. W. Hughes.

The first four seats were designated as the bar of the Conference.

The following Auxiliaries were represented : Santa Ana, Duarte, Downey, San Bernardino adult, Ventura, Rivera, Bellevue, West End, Mateo, Norwalk, Trinity.

The following Auxiliaries sent reports : San Bernardino Young People, Carpinteria, San Diego, Phoenix, Arizona.

Three executive meetings were held during the year. Minutes of the same read and approved by the Conference.

Mrs. E. J. Harper, visiting in Nashville, was appointed by the President and Corresponding Secretary to represent our Conference at the Woman's Board of Missions in Annual Session at Nashville.

Reports of Auxiliaries were encouraging and all expressed a determination to push forward.

Parliamentary drills, an important feature of our work, though our parliamentarian was unavoidably absent, were not omitted.

The Conference, through the President and Corresponding Secretary, sent a telegram of greetings to the Woman's Board of Missions then in session, referring them to 2nd Corinthians, 9:8. Our hearts yearned for a message from our Mother organization, feeling it would stimulate the discouraged ones to renewed efforts, but we yearned in vain.

The Corresponding Secretary's report, as told in "The Story of the Year," gives the following facts, and *we*, while rejoicing in what has been done, regret that it is not more encouraging :

Total Auxiliaries	16
Active members.....	249
Life members.....	7

Woman's Missionary Advocates taken...	76
Bible woman.....	1
Scholarship	1
Leaflets distributed.....	1250
Easter cards.....	100
Annual Reports.....	30
Little Workers.....	60
Books distributed.....	12
Number of letters written.....	32

"Facts and Figures" by the Conference Treasurer shows receipts for each fiscal year since organization to be as follows:

1884-'85.....	\$ 89.55
1885-'86.....	120.20
1886-'87.....	302.92
1887-'88-'89	342.58
1889-'90.....	275.59
1890-'91.....	296.37
1891-'92.....	250.54
1892-'93.....	230.14
1893-'94.....	384.29
1894-'95.....	224.19
1895-'96.....	204.30
1896-'97.....	340.96
1897-'98.....	288.86
1898-'99.....	298.64

Total.....	\$3648.93
Contingent.....	262.22

Grand total\$3911.15

Papers were read, arousing interest, and a warm discussion, which, *if* followed as *thoroughly*, will surely yield a rich harvest.

"The Voice of the Minority," prepared by Mrs. W. W. Brunk, was read by Mrs. Glenney of Duarte.

"Our Resources, Where are they?" by Mrs. Mamie Haygood-Ardis, brought us face to face with the problem, and echo answers "Where are *they*?"

Symposium—"The *Relation* of the Church to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society;" Rev. R. Roy Sibley "hit the nail on the head," by saying the relationship was that of mother and daughter, and Rev. H. W. Knickerbocker clinched it, making the relationship even nearer—"The right arm of the Church."

"As we have therefore opportunity," by Mrs. C. B. Mosher, was an appeal to pastors that was worthy of a larger hearing.

"The Contingent Fund, How to get it, and what to do

with it?" by Mrs. Julia S. Hamilton, was a practical analysis of that much vexed question.

The adoption of a scholarship by the Los Angeles Auxiliaries, at their quarterly meetings, was endorsed and made permanent by the Conference body, and "our Boy," was christened, Oscar P. Fitzgerald, in honor of our loved Bishop.

The various committees made their report, the usual ground was covered: Committee on Finance urged the payment of the contingent fee by each member; the Committee on Extension of work, the necessity of the circulation of literature and missionary information; that pastors be asked to give at least one service during the year in the interest of our work, and use their utmost endeavor to prevent the suspension or disorganization of our auxiliaries; that the office of District Secretary be retained in Arizona, and that if possible the secretary visit and organize in each pastoral charge; that throughout the Conference the President and Corresponding Secretary visit and strengthen weak auxiliaries.

The Committee on Memoirs, in beautiful and touching words, told of the "going home" of our dear sisters, S. A. Wicks, Mrs. Dr. Rowley, and Mrs. Anna McClanahan. The one gathered to rest after a long and useful life, the others laying down the burden, ere the sun had reached the meridian but for each her colaborers can say they did faithful service, and the Master's "well done," doubtless, greeted them as they entered the pearly gates.

In giving this condensed report of our meeting, we can only give a faint outline of the excellent work done; of the spiritual uplift from the fellowship hour, that was a prominent feature each day; of the benefit derived from contact with holy men and women; of the warm welcome and lavish hospitality that gushed forth as water from a mountain stream; of vows renewed in the consecration service, led by Bro. E. J. Harper, "one of ours"; of helpful suggestions of the ministerial brethren that were present. Beautiful flowers, emblems of purity and love, greeted us each day, bringing us nearer the Great Artist of the Universe.

The installation of officers, by Rev. H. C. Christian, was impressive, and certainly served as an incentive to faithfulness of duty.

The Minutes of the closing session were read, the gavel fell; the largest circle in our history formed, and, with clasped hands and full hearts, "God be with you" was sung, a solemn prayer was offered by our President, and the fifteenth annual meeting adjourned to meet in Trinity Church, Los Angeles in 1900.

MRS. ANNA S. WOLFSKILL, President.

MRS. W. T. FIELD, Secretary.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

MRS. C. P. BROWN.

Facts and figures should be seed truths, and should bear fruit; but how often are we reminded when we come up to an annual meeting of the parable of the "SOWER" and of the seed that fell *not* in good ground; that fell by the way-side, on stony-ground, and among thorns. We think at each annual meeting, when the facts are sown broadcast, and we see evidence of interest, we are encouraged with the thought that surely next year there will be growth along all lines, and that the delegates present will go back and stir up the home auxiliaries.

We could give the facts and figures as we received them from quarter to quarter, but could we read correctly between the lines, and give the story of the year? it would take a prescient eye to give you the story of this wonderful year, that is now behind us, even if we confine ourselves to the little branch of our Conference work.

From the last Annual report, I see we have in the Los Angeles Conference 2252 members. It is usually conceded that two-thirds of the membership in the west are women, but we will say one-half, that will mean 1126 women in our churches. Sad to say, that of that number only 249 are members of our Woman's Missionary Society. That is the first fact and figure (seed-truth), I wish to plant in your minds today. Delegates please make a note: out of a membership of 1126, we have on our roll only 249. Will we not pledge ourselves to secure at least one new member for our Auxiliaries. I find also from the church record that we have 32 preaching places, but only 29 pastoral charges. We have had 32 Auxiliaries in our Conference. In some places where we have had flourishing missionary societies, now we have none, notably, Pomona, Duarte, Azusa, Lompoc, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Bolsas, Escondido, Valley Center, Menifee, Norwalk. At Cerritos and El Modina, we had societies, though our church had no work at those places. There are only two places in the Los Angeles District in which we have not had an Auxiliary—Newport and Redlands.

In the Arizona District, we have only one Auxiliary, that at Phoenix, but that is in a flourishing condition.

Last year a District Secretary was appointed to that work, and she was duly notified of her office and work, and literature was sent to her, but no report has been received from the District work, but we are patient, still hoping better things for the future.

BOARD WORK.

The Board is now in its 21st annual session, in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Secretary said in her last report: "As we catch glimpses of the great thought of God, to evangelize the world through human agency, our purposes broaden, and instead of China, Korea, Brazil and Mexico, we embrace Africa, India, Cuba, the isles of the sea, *the whole world!*" The organized working force of the Woman's Board includes 34 Conference Societies, 270 Districts, 3,629 Auxiliaries, 74,479 members. Report of Treasurer shows \$86,416.76 raised last year.

CHINA. The work in China reveals a most encouraging state of affairs. The great trouble is, the reinforcements are not adequate to the demand. Self-support is becoming a feature in all their schools. The value of the Bible Woman's work cannot be estimated—going as they do from house to house, teaching Christ from the Word and from their own experiences, having access to hundreds of homes and hearts who shrink from foreigners.

KOREA—with its 12,000,000 souls. Only two years' work in Korea, but it has been most encouraging from the first. Mrs. J. P. Campbell has this work in charge. There we have our Bible Woman and scholarship.

MEXICO—also has 12,000,000 inhabitants. Our work there is very prosperous. More money is appropriated to that work than any other. A little over two years' ago, we had no Bible Woman there, now we have 19. The schools are overfull.

BRAZIL.—The work is a pronounced success.

INDIAN MISSION.—The outlook is encouraging. In the last year, there have been many bright conversions and truly changed lives.

SOME FEATURES OF THE WORK.

We have a Boarding School and Mission Home at every station, either in property owned by the Board or in rented houses.

CUBA—is our new field, and as Bishop Candler says, "Our nearest, neediest, ripest mission field." We have a school at Santiago started with 8 bright little girls, and is growing rapidly.

The Board employs 61 regular missionaries, 132 assistants in schools, has 12 Boarding-schools, 59 Day-schools, 3 Kindergartens, 3 Hospitals, 2 Bible Colleges, 37 Bible Women, 77 Scholarships, more than 5000 pupils, besides many hundred women under instruction.

LITERATURE. — The *Woman's Missionary Advocate* has 13,171 subscribers, and a circulation of 14,500.

The Little Worker is the best juvenile paper published by any Board, and it can be had for the small sum of 10 cents.

Hundreds of thousand leaflets are distributed gratuitously and they are a great factor in keeping up missionary zeal. An effort has been made to have missionary libraries in every Conference, if not in each Auxiliary.

Appropriations for the last year were \$98,766.

These are the facts and figures as tabulated from time to time, quarter to quarter, of the past year.

These are the surface eye and ear facts or pictures, as seen by the natural man, but what shall we say of the unwritten (not unrecorded) story of the opportunities and responsibilities of this year, now gone forever?

There comes a sweet memory of the little story told us in our childhood, of two recording angels with open books following each of us; one in *black*, the other in *white*; each kind, good act is recorded by the one in white, all evil ones by the one in black. The white angel sends each good act, *immediately*, to the *great book of records* above, but the black must keep his book open until nightfall, then if we are repentant, the record must be wiped out. If we today could know that all *indifference*, *carelessness* and *neglect*, the failure of promptly seizing our opportunities, were all cancelled, we would not be heavy-hearted today.

There has not been a day in this wonderful year, but that a plea has come to us through the papers, our reviews, and missionary periodicals, reminding us of the world's great, urgent needs. We hear,

“The time is short !

If thou wouldst work for God, it must be now;

If thou wouldst win the garland for thy brow,

Redeem the time,

“Shake off earth's sloth !

Go forth with staff in hand while yet 'tis day ;

Set out with girded loins upon thy way :

Up ! linger not !

“Fold not thy hands !

What has the pilgrim of the cross and crown

To do with luxury or couch of down ?

On, pilgrim, on !”

Everything in this busy world is astir; the forces of evil as well as the forces for good. Spiritualism in all its varied forms of Theosophy, Spiritism, Christian Science (?), Home of Truth and “what not” is spreading ! When we hear of four prominent clergymen declaring themselves in favor of the teachings of Spiritualism, Dr. Lyman Abbott, Heber Newton, Minot J. Savage and De Costa, one Congregational, two Episcopalians and one Unitarian, are we not reminded of the

prophesy of *that day*, the deceptions, which, if it were possible, would "seduce even the elect"?

God has a special mission and message for the young people. Dr. A. T. Pierson says: "There is a sense in which there are no young people now-a-days. A collegian knows more than Plato did at sixty.

"These are days of intelligence, of widespread information.

"Time is not measured by hours, but by sensations."

"We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths; In feelings, not figures on a dial:

We should count time by heart-throbs. He most lives,
Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.

It matters not how long we live, but *how*."

These are peculiar times in which we live. What changes have been wrought within a single day! The map of the world has been changed, and doors have been opened to Christian nations, within a day, that make the churches hold their breath in amazement. We can almost say, in regard to our history, "One day is as a thousand years."

Japan, China, India, Africa, Mexico, South America, the Islands of the Sea, all unlocked. While staggered with the stupendousness of the opportunities, wise men everywhere are calling attention to the great helps God is offering in the way of inventions and discoveries.

See what the printing press has done; sending out Bibles by the millions in three or four hundred tongues. We hear returned missionaries tell of giving a literature to a people who did not even have an alphabet (Mr. Johnson of Africa). We need not ask today, "Who is my neighbor?" The telegraph, the electric cars and steamships on land and sea will answer, "Come, speak to them, go to them."

Verily, *war* is furnishing us an example of the possibility of evangelizing the world in a generation.

When the call "to arms" was made, the men rallied by the hundreds of thousands—how quickly the prison doors of Cuba were flung open, and her perishing millions rescued. Still the work goes on. God is moving! and woe to us if we are asleep or taking our ease while He moves.

The fulness of time is upon us. This *world* is our *Lord's*, and He will have it.

If, hitherto, we could offer sacrifices for the sins of ignorance, that day is past, and the day *is come* when the Lord says: "This is the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke. To deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house, when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him: and in that thou hide not thyself from the

own flesh." (Isa. 58:6, 7.) Friends, have we given bread to the hungry? Have we loved the lost? Have our hearts ached and bled over a lost world? Have we ever prayed a single all-night for earth's perishing ones?

In reading I found this little verse and its application; it touched me wonderfully. I hope it will touch you.

"An infant crying in the night,
An infant crying out of sight,
With naught of speech except a *cry*."

What can touch the sympathies, or provoke a prompt reply more than an infant crying in the night, an infant crying out of sight, with naught of speech except a *cry*? It cannot speak to tell us how hungry it is, or what pains it suffers. It is out of sight, and we cannot see its tears nor learn just what is the cause of its distress; all we know is it is alone in the dark with no one to minister to its wants. Dear friends, this helpless infant is your heathen brother, who is crying for something, he knows not what. He is enveloped in utter darkness, because he lives in the land of night. *Out of sight*; but, loved ones, have you not caught a faint cry, and will you not pause a moment to determine what it is? O Heavenly Father, enable us this day to open our hearts and receive Thee in all Thy fullness. O that God would flash into our minds something of the value of a human soul! Turn in the X-rays of the Holy Spirit's shining. *Search us, prove us, convict us* of our sins of OMISSION.

STATISTICS

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.

Memberships, Baptisms, Church Property, Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools.

H. C. CHRISTIAN, Pres Elder			MEMBERSHIP, BAPTISMS, AND CHURCH PROPERTY.												EPWORTH LEAGUES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS																		
NAMES OF CHARGES	NAME OF PASTOR	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Members	Total Members This Year	Total Members Last Year	Additions on Professions	Additions by Certificate of Faith	Removals by Death, Cer. and Otherwise	Infants Baptized	HOUSES OF WORSHIP			PARSONAGES			Value of Other Church Property	Money Expended for Churches and Parsonages	INSURANCE STATISTICS		No. of Epworth Leagues	No. of Members	No. of Sunday Schools	Number of Officers and Teachers	Number of Scholars	Amount Collected for Sunday Schools	Amt Collected for Missions	Amount Collected on Children's Day.	Total Amount Raised in Sunday Schools					
										No. of Societies in Charge	Value of	Indebtedness on	Number of	Value of	Indebtedness on			Insurance Carried	Premiums Paid														
Los Angeles—Trinity.....	H. W. Knickerbocker..	8	416	419	412	7	40	40	8	1	1	1	\$25000	1	\$ 6400	600	\$3000 00	74 75	\$20400	204 80	2	2	22	167	101 70	\$13 50	\$10 10	124 30				
" Bellevue.....	T. L. Duke.....	1	47	47	47	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	5500	116	1	1200	.....	40 00	3000	.....	1	1	13	63	31 50	12 95	8 60	48 05			
" West End.....	W. L. Whisnaut.....	1	85	86	95	4	13	5	1	1	1	1	1200	.....	1	1200	.....	15 50	1900	.....	1	1	16	73	83 20	15 20	2 50	50 90		
Cahuenga and Mateo.....	J. T. Thornton.....	1	98	99	113	4	12	1	2	2	2	2	2900	500	1	1200	.....	40 00	1700	.....	1	1	15	145	40 30	8 90	5 00	40 30			
Downey.....	Wade Hamilton.....	1	162	163	139	20	15	11	3	4	1	1	3200	.....	1	500	.....	15 50	2400	40 00	2	2	19	103	34 80	8 90	5 00	59 70			
Santa Ana.....	C. W. Hoag.....	1	137	138	138	3	11	14	2	1	1	1	3500	2700	1	1000	.....	40 00	2500	54 00	1	1	9	60	30 50	15 50	5 85	50 85				
San Diego.....	C. L. McCausland.....	1	170	71	72	3	17	10	1	1	1	1	500	.....	1	6000	94	1000 00	9000	12 80	2	2	8	40	31 35	9 20	5 25	45 80				
Escondido & Valley Center.....	C. S. Perry.....	1	59	60	67	2	6	12	1	2	2	2	1300	.....	2	1000	500	75 00	.....	.....	1	1	19	8	36	9 00	8 15	1 20		
Menefee.....	J. P. Jones.....	1	35	36	35	2	1	8	1	1	1	1	1000	.....	1	400	.....	45 00	.....	.....	1	1	12	35	24 00	.....	1 20	24 00
Bolsas.....	Bernard Pos.....	1	28	29	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1000	.....	1	500	.....	98 00	.....	.....	1	1	8	33	.....	.....	3 25	3 25
Newport.....	Bernard Pos.....	1	23	23	63	.....	2	2	.....	1	1	1	6000	.....	1	500	.....	4761 50	3000	45 00	2	2	10	68	28 50	13 00	4 50	46 00	
Redlands.....	E. J. Harper.....	1	64	64	54	2	13	5	3	1	1	1	1000	.....	1	.....	.....	6 85	600	7 01	1	1	7	36	12 10	2 00	2 25	16 35		
Gardena.....	J. W. Allen.....	1	88	88	83	4	5	.....	.....	1	1	1	1000	.....	1	600	140	409 00	1400	6 40	1	1	9	74	19 90	2 70	2 25	24 80		
Duarte.....	J. W. Brunk.....	1	107	108	98	7	4	.....	2	1	1	1	1700	.....	1	.....	.....	55 00	1500	.....	1	1	4	20	12 00	.....	3 00	15 00
Azusa.....	Bernard Pos.....	2	26	26	26	3	8	6	2	1	1	1	2000	.....	1	1100	160	58 00	1500	46 00	2	2	8	28	16 31	5 47	1 65	23 43				
Pomona.....	R. Roy Sibley.....	2	37	39	56	1	1	19	.....	1	1	1	2500	.....	1	500	300	60 00	2500	9 10	1	1	15	110	45 00	12 00	3 40	60 40			
San Bernardino.....	J. F. G. Finley.....	2	100	100	94	3	10	7	1	1	1	1	5000	1	1000	550	60 50	700	9 10	1	1	32	1	44	26 60	5 75	2 40	34 75				
Ventura.....	R. T. Forbes.....	2	49	51	51	3	10	10	1	1	1	1	6000	.....	1	1100	.....	30 90	3000	.....	1	1	13	65	28 50	11 85	1 85	41 70		
Carpenteria.....	R. A. Rowland.....	1	97	97	88	7	5	3	1	4	2	2	1600	.....	1	450	.....	10 70	.....	.....	1	1	11	95	33 40	4 00	4 00	37 40	
Norwalk & Ranchito.....	J. J. Danks.....	1	79	82	92	.....	1	11	.....	1	1	1	3400	.....	4	1760	.....	35 40	3000	.....	1	1	9	45	37 40	7 00	3 25	48 25
Lompoc.....	A. Adkisson.....	3	79	82	92	1	11	1	1	1	3400	4	1760	35 40	3000	1	1	9	45	37 40	7 00	3 25	48 25					
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NOTE.—There are some discrepancies in the statistics of Membership to which the attention of pastors is called as also to a decision by the college of Bishops recorded page 316 Discipline Paragraph 596.
 Standard was used for part of the year all of the changes opposite which his name appears.

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Bethel.....	40 00	40 00	150 00	193 00	5 15	5 00	7 50	7 50	45 70	15 00	16 00	8 00	13 00	6 50	6 85	3 00					361 50	
Prescott.....	50 00	27 05	300 00	154 00	6 45	3 20	17 50	10 00	57 15	11 20	28 00	7 00	17 15	5 00	8 15						388 60	
Jerome and Verde.....	50 00	28 10	350 00	168 80	6 45	3 10	17 50	5 25	57 15	6 35	28 00	3 60	17 15	2 50	8 15	2 00					256 70	
Tempe.....	35 00	29 55	160 09	140 95	4 50	2 85	9 75	7 05	40 00	41 65	14 00	14 00	12 00	7 60	6 00	3 80			40 00		355 85	
Skull Valley.....		2 35		95 25			1 35				6 00				2 60						28 95	
West End.....	15 00	13 50	100 00	77 15	1 50	1 00	3 50	3 50	17 15	2 00	6 00	1 55	5 15		2 60						98 70	
Solomonville.....		37 50		104 95			5 60							2 00							274 80	
TOTAL.....	\$ 320 00	\$ 308 35	\$2060 00	\$1866 50	\$40 75	\$32 05	112 25	\$96 75	\$ 365 70	224 75	144 00	\$86 15	108 85	\$69 10	\$53 75	\$30 80	\$ 45 00	\$ 45 00	\$ 184 00	\$ 5 20	\$4185 95	
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Arizona.....	320 00	308 35	2060 00	1866 50	40 75	32 05	112 25	96 75	365 70	224 75	144 00	86 15	108 85	69 10	53 75	30 80	45 00	134 00	5 20	4185 95
TOTAL.....	\$1577 00	\$1344 90	10917 50	\$8868 40	167 35	129 20	602 25	463 25	\$1343 60	882 55	501 00	344 13	486 80	311 40	207 05	118 10	\$ 401 35	\$1049 70	\$34 55	24177 41
Total last year.....	1625 00	1237 94	10435 00	8765 00	168 40	128 05	575 95	458 98	1400 00	751 20	530 00	302 70	500 00	246 70	173 50	92 10	296 60	776 35	26 85	19992 85
Increase.....		106 96	472 50	103 40		1 15	27 30		141 35		42 43		64 70	33 55	26 00	104 75	104 75	273 35	7 70	4784 56
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